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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos three

Part B for publicity

SUBJECT

- Construction of a cinema theatre in Thoraiyur Chetty Road Mylapore City by M/s A.M.P. Ltd -

1288 of 21.7.45

President
City Municipal Council

Issue - instructions in accordance with - instructions -

K,

3591
A

Letter dated 11-11-46 from Mr A M Patel requesting that he may be permitted to rebuild a Cinema House on Mysore Nilgiri Road, Mysore, (site between Dallanjee and Metropole Hotel)

1) Municipal Minute

If the Management of the Churches have no objection, the matter may be reconsidered

Asst T-C M A
12-11-46

2) A draft letter to the President, Mysore City M C is submitted

A
12/11

3) Issue approved
16 11 46

To The President, City M C
Dr 725-9 d 14-11-46
Calls for a report

TYPING SECTION
18 NOV 1946
CTRL & REV SECTT

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Letter dated 17-1-47 from Mr A M patel, Select pictures Circuit Gundlupet, stating requesting that he may be permitted to construct a cinema house at Sir Thomas Chetty Road, Cold Mysore Nilgiris Road) Mysore

Ministers Minute

4) Please put up references

Asst-TCHR
21-1-47

5) The connected file is put up

6) The report called for from the President City Municipal Council Mysore, is not yet received

7 For orders vide yesterday's
& supra.

Mr
11/2/47

per secy) for
11/2/47

Minister for Edn
3/2/47

8) A report may be obtained
urgently

3/2/47

11/2/47

9) Put up correctness
by 11/2/47

11/2

Serial No

10) Submitted with a draft letter

11) Issue now
11/2/47

11/2/47 To The President — M C M
L 11279 d 13-2-47
Reminds him for Secretary
the Report immediately

12) The file will be sent to the p
to the Minister for Education and Public Health
(Camp Mysore) with reference to
his phone message to-day

13) P.A. to the Minister
for Education and Health
26/2/47 26/2/47

14) Please put up at once
the previous papers relating
to this Case in which there
passed orders regarding
permission
7/3
6/2/47 7/3

15) The Collector Mdu. 171-45-2. is sent herewith
(vide notes on the reverse of flag X
and flag Y.)

7/3/47 Chief Minister for Education & P. Health
16 Returned to
Sec. to T.C.

Flag X

Flag Y

6/3

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(4) In view of the fact that the Secretary of the Church Committee has stated in his letter dt 11th Feb 46 that the Congregation had no Objection for the site being used for a cinema building, orders ~~dated~~ dated 5/2/46 in file Govt 171-45-12 are revised and Mr Patel may be permitted to use the site for a cinema theatre subject to the condition that the building shd be sound proof on modern lines

JHS
10/3/47 HR 11/3

18 Dft letter

JM 11/3/47

(4) Draft ordd
HR 11/3

2) Issue at once
JM 11/3/47

TO The pendt c/y Mr Mysore
" D C Mysore Dist
" Govt Architect
125 21-3 dated 14-3-47
Informs accordingly
2) Send with a draft endorsement to Mr Patel
2) Issue
JM 17/3/47

TO - Mr. Patel
13104 dt 27-3-47
Endorse as contd

17/3/47

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Petition from Mr N N Wadia, Proprietor Ritz Hotel Mysore stating that the construction of a Cinema House in the vicinity would ruin his business and requesting that the construction of a Cinema building in the area be prohibited

23) Ministers' Minute

Noted TC MR

24) Orders permitting the construction of a cinema building near the Bollongee and Ritz Hotel, Mysore, by Dr A M Patel have already been issued

25) The petitioner will be informed that his request cannot be granted

26) Papers from 17 supra

Mr 27/3/47 MR

26) There is another petition received, viz which the Minister de Comptes has been pleased to note that the Congregation (church-goers) have no objection to the construction of a cinema in the area, orders were passed accordingly please put it up

Reg 1/May

7985

Letter dated 21-3-47 from the Superintendent-
The Methodist Church - Mysore - forwarding a copy of
the letter sent to the President - City Mll. of Mysore
protesting against the construction of a Cinema
House on the Thambu Chetty Road - Mysore

Municipal Memo

27) The Christians connected with the
Church in question have given their consent in
writing and so the order was revised
for disposal - Municipal President -

Asst T. Mll
21/3

28) The connected file is put up separately

29) A memo is put up to the above letter to the
Mll President for disposal
30) Pl put up this letter in
the connected main file thereof.

Sd
1/4/47

31) Done
Sd
2/4/47

L. 13478
5/4/47
Fds for disposal

Sd A

8466

Letter from Rev J E Hall — Superintendent Methodist Mission - Mysore protesting against the construction of a Cinema theatre near the Thumbachetty road - Mysore City - opposite to the Methodist Church.

Muslim Minute

3rd) Sometime ago I received a petition signed by a number of parishioners belonging to this church stating that they had no objection to a licence being granted for the construction of a Cinema in the place but it is only after the receipt of this petition, Govt revoked their original order and granted permission for a Cinema. He may be informed of this. Under Mr Bhambore, whom I have met today.

PUBLIC SECTION
6 MAY 947

Send T C M R

26-4-47

3) - Send with a draft letter for approval

Rev Secy

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To

Rev 7 E Hill - Mysore

L/1565 d 7-5-47

Submitted accordingly

L 1565-2 d 7-5-47

Copy to President - M-C-M-for info

From Reverend 7 H Hill

- Letter dated 7-5-47

States that the Wesley Church - which he represents, would suffer much by the construction of a new cinema in the area - that the action of the Govt in revising their decision, without consulting the original signatories to the protest-application is unjustifiable and that they would not hesitate to interview His Highness and lay the whole matter before him and enquire whether the petition signed by a number of Europeans emanated from the Wesley Church or St Barthalomews' Church

From the Dist Magistrate - Mysore

Ut 376 dated 12-5-47

Forwards the letter received from Revd 7-E. Hill - Superintendent - Methodist Mission -

Protesting against the grant a license to
Mr Patil - for the Construction of a Cinema on
the Thambu Chetty Road and adds that a license
has been granted in accordance with your
L. No 2521/M 110-46-12 dated 14-3-47

From the Dist Magistrate Thrissur
Ref dt 13-5-47

Fds. for consideration ... from Mr E P
Pallavoor requesting that he may be granted a
license to Construct ... theatre in Sir
Thambu Chetty Street - on the ground that Mr
Patil has been granted similar license

35) The further letter dated 7-5-47
Page N received from Revenue F E Asst in favour
licensed and orders

36) The request of Mr E P Pallavoor
for the grant of a license to Construct a
Cinema theatre in Sir Thambu Chetty Street -
Thrissur - on the ground that Mr Patil

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has been granted a licence, is for orders

37 Refer paras 17, 27 and 32 of the note

Secret ~~Confl~~

20/6 38 The Vice President thinks
they may be asked to stay
the Conclusion of Cinema
House immediately pending
Mrs inspection of the place
during their visit to Mysore
early in July

27/6/47

28/6

39 Pl put up a draft letter
communicating the above orders
for 28/6/47

40) Submit with a draft-letter

ARB

41) Issue as advised

30/6/47

30/6

To The Govt of Mysore & Govt of Travancore
17764 dt 30-6-47

Advises in above terms with

Law & Order Section
Foreign Branch
Date
No 9917

SECRETARIAT
30 JUNE 1947
GOVT OF INDIA

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the effect that the construction of the cinema house may be stayed immediately, pending inspection of the place by the Minister for Local Govt &

Letter dated 28-6-47 from Reverend J Blatchford Swaroop & others to the Methodist Church forwarding a petition signed by 434 members of the Methodist Church expressing their objection to the building of a cinema on Grant & Wesley Church and requesting that no cinemas be erected in this area.

Minister's Minute

4a) "A Stay order has been issued I think put up these papers with the connected file"

Instd T C H R
30-6-47

4b) The connected file is here with submitted

4c) The connected file is submitted as desired. A stay order has been issued & all is in the file

Revised 1/7/47

Date 1-7-47

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In Continuation of my stay order, the entire file may be sent unofficially to the President City Municipality for submitting a detailed report within the 8th inst

7/4

Rev Secy 4/7/47

Immediate

N O 6 D 4/7/47

N Wo Forwarded with compliments for the President, Mysore City municipality for favour of a detailed report

4/7/47 in the matter before the 8th instant the entire file of records accompanies for reference & return with the report B.O

Framechandra

4/7/47 Rev Secy Rajpur

HH, Reply submitted to the Revenue Secretary separately

6/7/47

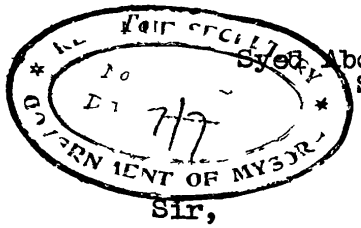
Office of the President
City Municipal Council Mysore

Encl 1 file.

Date 6th July, 1947.

From

R RAMACHANDRA RAO BHOMBORE, Esq, B A
President, City Municipal Council,
MYSORE



To
Syed Abdul Aleem, Esq., B.A ,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Bangalore

Sir,

Subject:- Reference Memo No M.O 6 dated 4-7-1947 from the Revenue Secretary to Government, calling for a detailed report regarding the construction of a cinema theatre by Dr A M Patel, in Thumboo Chetty Road

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Adverting to the above, I have the honour to state that the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board sold a plot of land measuring 1470 sq.yds to Dr A M Patel for a sum of Rs 60,000 for construction of a cinema theatre in the north-west quadrant in Doddapet circle, Mysore, vide Resolution No.299 dated 20th December 1944 of the Trust Board Dr Patel paid the sum and took possession of the land He applied for a building license which was granted after approval of the plans by the concerned Departments He was about to begin construction Since there was some objection for a cinema coming up here, the Government ordered in October 1945 that the permission to construct cinema in this place may not be granted Accordingly, Dr Patel was asked to take back the sum of Rs 60,000 which he had paid for the site He did so after much persuasion He subsequently applied to this office for permission to construct a cinema theatre in another site he had purchased at a cost of about Rs 30,000/- in Thumboo Chetty Road Coming to know about this application, Rao Sahib B Munivenkatappa submitted his petition dated 18th Jan. 1946 to the Minister for Education and Public Health protesting against the grant of permission to Dr.Patel for construction of a cinema building "about 20 feet from my theatre" He also

presented a similar protest petition to this office requesting to refuse permission to Dr Patel A few days later, on 4-2-46, 4 members of the Methodist Church submitted a petition to the Minister for Education and Public Health not to grant permission to Dr Patel to construct his cinema theatre in Thumboo Chetty Road A copy of this was presented to this office also.

On 24th January 1946, the Minister for Education and Public Health was pleased to inspect the place and Dr.Patel presented a petition to the Minister enclosing a petition signed by Mr.J.Swami Das and 64 other members of the Methodis Church of Mysore stating that they have no objection to the construction of the cinema building by Dr Patel in Thumboo Chetty Road.

It has to be stated here that the Secretary for Sr Bartholomew's Church Committee has stated in his lette dated 11th February 1946 that the members of St.Bartholomew's Church opposite to the Methodist Church have no objection to the building of the cinema theatre in question In the meanwhile, the plans submitted by Dr.Patel were scrutinised by the Sanitary Department, the Electric Department, the Government Architect and the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, as required by rules and they had no objection to the construction according to the approved plan On his petition dated 19-11-1946 presented by Dr Patel to the Government urging for the grant of license to build the cinema, the Government directed the President of the Mysore City Municipality to submit the connected papers for orders The papers were submitted to the Minister for Education and Publi Health in person at Camp - Mysore, and on 14-3-47 Government directed in their Order No.L 12521/M1 110-46-12 that as there appeared to be no objection from the members of the Church, Dr Patel may be permitted to use the site in Thumboo Chetty R for the construction of a cinema theatre subject to the condition that the building to be erected should be sound pro on modern lines. Accordingly, license No.787 E 2 45-46 date

24-3-1947 was granted to Dr.Patel subject to the condition that "the building should be sound proof on modern lines and that he should conform to the suggestions and modifications, if any, that might be required by the Government Architect" Dr Patel proceeded with the construction after taking the suggestions and approval of the Government Architect While the construction of the cinema building was proceeding, Rev Hill, the Superintendent of the Methodist Church wrote to the Minister in May 1947 protesting against the construction of this cinema building and in June Rev.Hill's protest was followed by the protest of Rev Bhaktasiromani, vide his 2 petitions dated 28th June 1947, addressed to the Minister for Education and Public Health In one of these petitions, Rev Bhakthasiromani has stated that he has submitted therewith a petition signed by 434 members of the Methodist Church I am doubtful whether there is such a large number of membership It is significant that the signatures are taken on several loose sheets unconnected with each other and there is no writing on these papers to show that the signatories knew for what purpose their signatures were taken There is a move among the Protestant people to request the Municipal President for grant of sites and Rev Bhaktasiromani and Mr Ebenezer are engaged in this matter

On 1st July 1947, Mr J Swami Das, Journalist and Social Worker, Mysore, submitted to the Minister a copy of a pamphlet and stated that Rev Hill is a foreign Missionary in the City and that he is leading a propaganda against the construction of the cinema house in question, that this propaganda is not only against the authorities that granted the permit to the cinema but the propagandists are utilising this opportunity to bring dissensions among Christians themselves and therefore should be nipped in the bud The pamphlet is a challenge to Rev Hill and throws light on the controversy.

As regards the grant of license by the authorities, I am to state as follows -

The rules regulating the location of cinemas do not prescribe the distance from a Church or Temple at which a cinema should be constructed The compound wall of the Methodist Church is over 300 feet from that of the Cinema and if the actual place from where the sound starts is taken, it is nearly 400 ft away from the Church Further, the building under construction is thoroughly sound proof to absorb all the sound. The four sides of the cinema are all double walls and all of them are sound proof

As regards the objections raised by Rev Hill and Rev Bhakthasiromani it may be stated that there are several instances where cinema buildings have come up very close to a Church To mention a few (a) the Church in Hassan District is very close to the Sheriff Cinema, (b) the Church in Ulsoor is next door to the Cinema, (c) just behind the Opera Cinema in Mysore not far from Mr Munivenkatappa's Cinema building, there is a masjid with only a common compound wall between them, (d) in Hundred Feet Road a Cinema is almost complete and it is only a few feet from the Masjid Instances could be multiplied, and according to Mr Munivenkatappa's own statement in his letter dated 18-1-47 addressed to the Minister, his own cinema in Thumboo Chetty Road is about 20 ft away from the new Cinema under construction. If the new Cinema is a nuisance to the Church, Mr Munivenkatappa's cinema must also be the same As regards the objection that there will be overcrowding of traffic, the plan of the Cinema provides for parking of cars inside the cinema compound and hence there will be no cars in Thumboo Chetty Road Also, the main entrance for the masses and the ticket booth are located on the right side of the cinema 150 feet inside from the main road Mr Munivenkatappa's cinema has no compound wall The ticket booth is on the road itself.

It is significant that the protest against the construction of the cinema building by Dr.Patel in Thumboo Chetty Road was started by Mr Munivenkatappa himself and he has definitely stated in his petition dated 12-1-46 addressed to the President that he cannot tolerate a neighbour and that the feelings between himself and Dr Patel are bitter . It was also brought to my notice at the time by one of the persons to whom he sent a typed petition for signature that Mr.Munivenkatappa was going about for signatures to protest against the grant of building license to Dr Patel

This is a Protestant Church and from enquiry it is learnt that the Protestants go to the Church on Sunday morning between 8 and 9 and in the evenings between 6 and 7 Dr Patel is agreeable not to have cinema show during these hours He has been asked not to use any loud-speakers outside the building and the building has been so constructed that the sound inside cannot be heard from outside

From what has been stated above, it may be seen that left to themselves, the members of the Methodist Mission Church would not have raised objection but for the lead given by Mr Munivenkatappa as is evident from his petition dated 18-1-46, addressed to the Minister Mr Munivenkatappa' grievance is that Dr Patel will be an unwelcome competitor and he has said in his letter dated 12-1-46 addressed to the President of the Municipality - "it is needless for me to mention that such unhealthy competition should be nipped in the bud and not allowed to grow and then try to get the experiment of supressing it " With such bitterness against Dr Patel, Mr Munivenkatappa would not hesitate to do all that may be possible for him to prevent Dr.Patel from constructing his cinema It is therefore quite plain that but for Mr Munivenkatappa's initiative the Methodist Church members may not have approached the authorities with any objections Dr.Patel has already spent a very heavy sum

The foundation work is nearing completion I lear from the Constructing Engineer that about Rs.50000/- has been so far spent, besides large orders are placed for materials not to speak of the advances to workmen

The contention of Rev Hill and his followers is opposed to facts and not reasonable, and as Dr Patel has already been inconvenienced by the resumption of the site granted to him in Doddapet circle and the cancellation of the license to build thereon and has invested a huge sum for purchasing the present site and for the construction of the cinema building, equity and justice require that the stay order be withdrawn and the construction be permitted to proceed.

I return herewith the file of papers sent with your above reference, as desired by you.

I have the honour to be,

'Sir,'

Your most obedient servant,

(R. Narasimhaiah)

PRESIDENT. 6/7/47

SNR.

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(44) I inspected the spot on 10th July 1947 with the President, Mysore City Municipality, the District Magistrate, and the Government Architect Rev Mr. Hill, Chaplain of the Methodist Community in Mysore, Mr. Ebenezer, a few Christians and Mr Patel, the owner of the proposed Cinema and other inhabitants of the neighbourhood were also present. The main objections which had been raised against the grant of license for a Cinema were (i) Noise (ii) Traffic and (iii) Public Nuisance. After examining the place thoroughly it was found that none of these objections were tenable. The stay order may therefore be vacated subject however to the imposition of the following conditions in the license for the grant of the Cinema -

No outside loudspeakers to be fitted anywhere,

No music or drumming to be permitted in the theatre compound nor in its surroundings,

The inside surfaces of doors and ventilators shutters to be covered with Celotex or any other approved sound proof material,

No cinema shows to be held during the hours of service of the neighbouring Wesleyan (Methodis church, that is, from 8 to 9 A M and from 6 to 7-30 P M on Sundays,

All cars and cycles (also tongas, jutkas, carts and other vehicles) to be parked inside the compound behind the cinema, Arrangements to be made for the convenient parking of ~~not less than 25~~ cars and [redacted] cycle

The front entrance of the theatre to be reserved for first and second class ticket holders only holders of cheap tickets to enter the cinema from the side lane (away from the church), the necessary number of ticket booths to be provid ed at the sides and in the rear,

Six well ventilated flush latrines for men and four for women to be provided in the Compound of the theatre over and above the number prescribed in the Mysore Cinematograph Rules of 1946

(44) To be issued tomorrow JHA

Revenue Secretary) 18/7/47

Recd at 11 45 AM from the Private Secretary to the Minister for C.S. on 21 7 47

NOTE—Contn Sheet

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50) Subd with a draft reply to the president Cch Mil of Mysore, issuing instructions accordingly.

51) For appl

21/7

52) Issue at once

21/7/47

1) The president Cch Mil of Mysore 1158 dated 21-7-47 issues instructions in accordance with orders at Para 4 of Simla Reduced

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Letter dated 30-7-47 from Mr Rao & 3 Lakshminarayanas Methodist mission Superintendent - Mysore - protesting against the town planning scheme in connection with Sir Thomas Munro Road.

Municipal Manual

53) We have passed orders on this. The Municipal President, Mysore, may be asked to issue a suitable endorsement to the petitioners.

Issue 7/8/47

54) A memo is accordingly sent.

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d 14/8/47

Issue 11/8

13)

A M PATEL
c/o

Select Pictures Circuit

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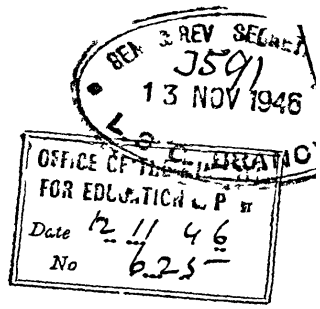


GANDHI NAGAR
BANGALORE CITY

If the management of the Churches have no objection, the matter may be reconsidered. Please ask the President, Mun Council to resubmit the papers for the orders of Govt

November 11, 1946.

Dr T C.M.Royan,
Minister for Education and Health
to the Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE

12/11/46

Rev Secy

Respected Sir,

Ref Proposed construction of Cinema House on Mysore Nilgiri Road, Mysore (site between Pallonjee and Ritz Hotel)

I beg to place the following matter for your kind consideration

I have submitted plans for construction of an up-todate Cinema House on the above Site to the Municipality of Mysore The proposed construction is just far from the Churches with a broad road intervening and is well inside over 40 feet from the main road besides foot path The modern cinema houses are self compact and sound proof and I assure you that this will not cause any inconvenience whatsoever either to the Churches or any adjoining places Besides, as I ought to be and shall always be careful to respect the convenience of all neighbouring places I am also enclosing herewith copies of letters from the Church management that they have no objection to the proposed Cinema house construction on the said site

Further I beg to add that I am a domiciled Mysorean, being put up here for over thirty years and have, during this period tried to be useful to the Society in the best possible manner in recognition of which the H H the Maharaja of Mysore has been graciously pleased to award me a Public Service Medal (I class)

I am put in most difficult circumstances for my business at Mysore inasmuchas the Land-lord of Ranjit Talkies, Mysore (which I am running at present) has filed a suit against me and I will be thus thrown out of my business at Mysore altogether very soon if I am denied a relief in the shape of the proposed construction

I also beg to state that I am willing to abide loyally by the conditions under which you will be pleased to sanction the permission for the construction.

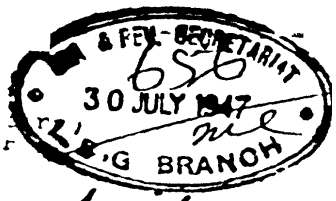
I therefore request that this my application may kindly be considered favourably and that the permission may kindly be granted to me for construction of a Cinema House on the site referred to above, for which act of kindness, I shall ever remain grateful to you

I beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

A.M Patel

Encl

Dewan Bahadur Sir [illegible] Royar, [illegible] (vi[illegible]
Minister for Education & Public [illegible]
in Mysore, Bangalore



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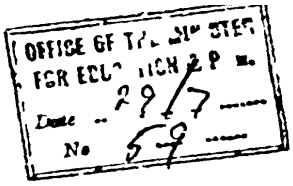

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3/7/47

J. SWAMIDAS
Journalist &
Social Worker.

383, 100 Feet Road,
Chamaraja Mohalla,
Mysore - 22nd July, '47.

To

Dewan Bahadur
Dr T C M. Royan, M D (Vienna),
Minister for Education, Public Health
& Local Self Government in Mysore,
Bangalore

Dear Sir,

I respectfully submit and feel confident that you are quite aware of the fact that Rev. F Hill and others had tender objection and disapproved the construction of a Cinema House in Sir T. Thumboo Chetty Road, Mysore, on the pretext that their worship and prayers in the Church will be disturbed. That you are also aware of the fact that some of the Christian brotherer of the same church had given their consent for the construction as long back as one year.

In this connection, I submit that I asserted ~~xx~~ with tangible reasons that despite the fact that there will be absolutely no disturbance of whatsoever nature by the construction of this Cinema house in the said vicinity and that the concerned authorities who issued License for the said construction, have minutely considered all the prons and cons in this behalf and have issued Licerse with a definite decision that there will not be any such apprehension - Rev. Hill and the party have been contesting only NOW with ulterior motives and nothing else. I enclose herewith for your kind perusal some of the pamphlets in this connection which I have had to publish to give clear and impressive facts to the public as well the authorities concerned.

With respects,

Yours sincerely,

J Swamidas

ಮೆಥಾಡಿಸ್ಟ್ ಮಿಷೆನ್ನಿನ ರೆವರೆಂಡ್ ಎಸ್ ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರಿಗೆ

ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಪತ್ರ (1 ನೆಯ ಭಾಗ)

ನನ್ನ ಸಹೋದರರಾದ ಮಿ|| ಹಿಲ್‌ಸಾಹೇಬರೇ, ನಿಮ್ಮ ವ ತ್ತು ನಿಮ್ಮಿಂದ ರೆವರೆಂಡರುಗಳ ಸಂಬಂಧವನ್ನು ಎಷ್ಟೋ ವರುಷಗಳಿಂದಲೂತೊರೆದು ದೂರವಾ ಗಿದ್ದು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರಮಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ನನಗೆ ದುರದೃಷ್ಟದಿಂದ ಮತ್ತೆ ನಿಮ್ಮೊಡನೆ ವ್ಯವಹಾರಮಾಡುವ ಸನ್ನಿವೇಶ ಒದಗಿರುವುದು ನನ್ನ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಯೋಗ ನಾನೀಗ ನಿಮಗೆ ಈ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಬರೆಯ ಲು ನಿಮ್ಮಮಾತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಉಪ್ಪೇಗದ ನಿರಾಧಾರಗಳಾದ ರೀಕೆಗಳೇ ಮುಖ್ಯಕಾರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಆದಾರಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತೇವೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಮಾತು ಮತ್ತು ಟೀಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ನಾನು ವಾಸ್ತವ ವಾಗಿ ಬಹು ದೀರ್ಘವಾದ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನೇ ಬರೆಯುವುದು ಅತ್ಯಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಆದರೆ ನಾನು ಕಳೆದ ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳಿನಿಂದಲೂ ಅಸೌಖ್ಯದಲಿದ್ದು ಈಗ ತಾನೇ ಮೇಲೆ ಎದ್ದಿರುವುದರಿಂದಲೂ ಮತ್ತು ನನ್ನ ಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರವಾ ರೂಪವಾದ ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಬರೆಯಲು ಕೆಲವು ಕಾಲ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದಲೂ ಪ್ರಕೃತ ನೀವು ಎಡಿದ ನಿರಾದಾರವಾದ ಮತ್ತು ನನ್ನ ಸಮಾಜದ ನನ್ನ ಸಹೋದರ ಸಹೋ ದರಿಯರ ವಿಷಯ ನೀವು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿದ ದುರಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಗಳ ಬಗ್ಯೆ ನಿಮಗೆ ಜ್ಞಾನೋದಯವನ್ನುಂಟು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಮ್ಮ ನಿರಾದಾರ ಆರೋಪಗಳು ಅಪರಾಧ ಮತ್ತು ಅಪಾಯಕರಗಳಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ನೀವು ಯಾವ ಶರತ್ತೂ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ನಿವ ೂ ಪರಾಧ ಮತ್ತು ಅಪಾಯಕರಗಳಾದ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ವಾಪಸ್ಸು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊ ಳ್ಳು ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಾಯಪಡಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಾನು ನಿಮಗೆ ಈ ಬಹಿರಂಗಪತ್ರ ವನ್ನು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಜರೂರಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಗ್ರಹವಾಗಿ ಬರೆದು ನನ್ನ ಈ ಪತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ನಿವಿಂದ ಜರೂರಾಗಿಯೂ ಸೂಕ್ತವಾಗಿಯೂ ಇರುವ ಪ್ರತ್ಯುತ್ತರ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿಸಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ

ತಾ|| 22 7 47 ರ ಪ್ರಾತ ಕಾಲ 10 30 ಘಂಟೆಗುಪ್ಪಿ ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ಸಹೋದರರೂ, ಮಿತ್ರರೂ ಹಾರ್ಡ್ವಿಕ್ ಬೋರ್ಡಿಂಗಿನ ಉಪದೇಶಕರೂ ಆದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾ ಎಸ್ ಎಬನೀಜರ್‌ರವರನ್ನು ವರ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಧಿಸಿದೆ ನಾನು ಅವರ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋದಾಗ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗ ಮೈಸೂರಿಗೆ ಬಂದು ಚಾವಂಡೀ ಬಡಾವ ಣೆಯ ಕಡೆ ಇರುವ ಕ್ರೈಸ್ತ ಸಭಿಕರನ್ನು ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬಂದಿರುವ ಉಪದೇಶ ಕರಾದ ಮತ್ತು ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ದಾಮಸ್ ವಿಲಿಯಮ್ಸ್‌ರವರೂ ಕುಳಿತಿ ದ್ದರು ನಾನು ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯದಂತೆ ಅವರಿಬ್ಬರನ್ನೂ ವಂದಿಸಿ ಪರಸ್ಪರ ಕೇಮ ಸಮಾಚಾರವನ್ನು ವಿನಿಮಯ ಮಾಡಿದ ಒಡನೆ ನನ್ನ ಆಪ್ತಮಿತ್ರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾ ಎಸ್ ಎಬನೀಜರ್‌ರವರು ಈ ರೀತಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು

'ಮಿ|| ಸ್ವಾಮಿದಾಸ ನಾನು ನಿನ್ನಮನೆಗೇ ಬರಬೇಕೆಂದೂ ಮತ್ತು ನಿನ್ನನ್ನು ಸಂಧಿಸಿ ಮಾತನ್ನಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದೂ ನಿನ್ನೆಯಿಂದ ಯೋಚಿಸಿದೆ ಆದರೆ ನೀನೇ ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ

ಬಂದದ್ದು ಬಹಳ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದಾಯಿತು' ಎಂದರು ನಾನು ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯದಿಂದ ಅವ
ನ್ನು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ 'ಏನಪ್ಪನನ್ನ ಬಳಿಗೆ ನೀನು ಬರಬೇಕಾದ ಅಂತಹ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಪ್ರಮೆ
ಯಯೇನಿತು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು ಹೇಗೋ ಈ ಮಾರ್ಗವಾಗಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ನಾನು
ನಿನ್ನನ್ನು ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಲು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ ವಿಷಯ ಏನು ದಯ
ಮಾಡಿ ತಿಳಿಸು' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದೆ ಆಗ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಎಸ್ ಎಬನೀಜ್‌ರವರು ಈ
ರೀತಿ ಹೇಳಿದರು 'ನೋಡಪ್ಪಾ ನಮ್ಮ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದ ಸಮೀಪದಲ್ಲಿ ರಣಜಿತ್
ಟಾಕೀಸಿನವರ ಭಾರೀ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಮಂದಿರವನು ಕಟ್ಟಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ಮಾಡಿರು
ತ್ತಾರೆ ಈ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಮಂದಿರವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಲು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಮ್ಮತಿಯನು ಕೊಡಲು
ನೀನು ಒಂದು ರುಜು ಮಾಡಿರುವಿಯಂತೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಮ್ಮವರೇ ಆದ
ಅರುವತ್ತು ಜನರ ಸಹಿಗಳನ್ನ ಮಾಡಿಸಿರುವಿಯಂತೆ ಮತ್ತೆ ನಾನು ಜವಾಬಾ ರಿ
ಯಿಂದ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ ನಿನಗೆ ಅವರ ಕಡೆಯಿಂದ 500 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಬಹು
ಮಾನವಾಗಿ ಕೊಡಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವುದಂತೆ' ಈ ವಿಚಾರ ಮೊನ್ನೆ ನಡೆದ ನಮ್ಮ ಕ್ವಾರಟ
ರ್ಲೀ ಮೀಟಿಂಗಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ತೀವ್ರವಾದ ಚರ್ಚೆಯಾಯಿತು ಮತ್ತು ನಮ್ಮ
ರೆವರೆಂಡ್ ಎಸ್ ಹಿತ್ತರವರು ಕ್ವಾರಟರಲೀ ಮೀಟಿಂಗಿನಲಿ ಈ ವಿಷಯ
ಬಹಳ ಉಗ್ರವಾಗಿ ತೀಕ್ಷ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಮಾತಾಡಿದರು' ಎಂದಂದರು ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ
ಸುಮಾರು ನಿಮಿಷದ ಉಪದೇಶಿಯವರಾದ ಮಿ॥ ರಾ॥ ದಾಮುಸ್‌ವಿಲಿಯಮ್ ರವರು
ನನ್ನ ವಿಷಯು ಮಾತಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಬಾಯಿ ಹಾಕಿ ' ಮಿ॥ ಎಬನೀಜ್‌ರವರೇ ಈತನು
ಏನಾದರೂ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾನೆ ಇವನಿಗೆ ದೇವರಿಲ್ಲ' ಎಂದರು ಆಗ ಮತ್ತೆ
ಮಿ॥ ರಾ॥ ಎಸ್ ಎಬನೀಜ್‌ರವರು ಮಿ॥ ಧಾಮುಸ್‌ರವರನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿಭಟಿಸುತ್ತಾ
'ಮಿ॥ ದಾವ ಸ್ ನೀವು ತಡಿಗಮಾತನ್ನು ನಾನು ಎಂದಿಗೂ ಒಪ್ಪುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ನೀವು
ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲ ನಿಮ್ಮಂತೆ ಕೆಲವರು ಮಿ॥ ಸ್ವಾಮಿದಾಸರವರ ವಿಷಯು ಈರೀತಿ ಮಾತ
ನ್ನಾಡುವುದನು ನಾನ ಕೇಳಿದಾಗ ನಾನು ಅವರಮೇಲೆ ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ತಿರಿಗಿಬಿದ್ದಿ
ರುತ್ತೇನೆ ನಾನು ಮಿ॥ ಸ್ವಾಮಿದಾಸರವರನು ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಬಲ್ಲೆ ಅವರ ಕಾರ್ಯ
ಗಳನ್ನ ಅನೇಕ ಕಾಲದಿಂದಲೂ ಗಮನಿಸುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ ಆದರೆ ಅವರ ಕಾರ್ಯ
ಗಳು ನನುಗೆ ಸರಿಬಾರದವುಗಳಾಗಿಗಬಹುದು ಆದರೆ ಅವರ ಉದೇಶ ಮತ್ತು
ಸೂತ್ರಗಳು ಅನೇಕರಿಗೆ ಒಪ್ಪತಕ್ಕವುಗಳಾಗಿರುತವೆ ಆದರೆ ಅವರನ್ನು ನಾನೇ
ನೀವು ಕ್ರೈಸ್ತರಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ ಅಪಾಯ ಬೋರೊಂದಿಲ್ಲ
ನಾನು ನಿಮ್ಮಂತೆ ಹೇಳಲಾರೆ' ಎ ದು ಮಿ॥ ರಾ॥ ಧಾಮುಸ್‌ವಿಲಿಯಮ್ಸ್‌ರವರಿಗೆ
ಹೇಳಿದರು ಆಗ ನಾನು ಮಿ॥ ಎಸ್ ಎಬನೀಜರ್‌ರವರನ್ನು ಕುರಿತು ಹೀಗೆ
ಹೇಳಿದೆ 'ಮಿ॥ ಎಬನೀಜರ್, ಮಿ॥ ಧಾಮುಸ್ ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತ ಆತನು ಏನ
ನ್ನಾದರೂ ಹೇಳಲಿ ಈಗ ನಾನು ಅದನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಸ್ಥಾನ
ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಮಾತು ಬಂದಾಗ ನಾನು ವಾದವಿವಾದಮಾಡಿ ಮಿ॥ ಧಾಮು
ಸ ಆಡಿದ ಮಾತು ಸಾಧುವಾದುದೇ ಅಸಾಧುವಾದುದೇ ಎಂಬ ದನ್ನು ನಿಷ್ಪಕ್ಷ

ರಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ ಪ್ರಕೃತ ಈತನ ಮಾತನ್ನು ನಾವು ಒತ್ತಟ್ಟಿಗಿಟ್ಟುಬಿಡೋಣ' ಎಂದಂ
ದೆನು ನಾನು ಮುಂದುವರಿದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆಂದರೆ 'ಮಿ|| ಎಬನೀಜರ್ ನೀನು ನನ್ನ
ಸಹೋದರ ನಿನ್ನ ವಿಷಯ ನನಗೆ ಗೌರವವಿದೆ ನೀನು ಈಗ ಒಂದು ಮಾತನ್ನು
ಹೇಳಿದ್ರಿ ಆ ಮಾತು ನನಗೆ ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯವನ್ನೂ ವಿಷಾದವನ್ನೂ ದೀರ್ಘೆಯೋಚನೆ
ಯನ್ನೂ ಹುಟ್ಟಿಸುವುದಾಗಿದೆ ನೀನು ಈ ಮಾತನ್ನು ಲಾಘವವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿ
ಯೋ ಬೆಧವಾ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯಿಂದ ರುಜುವಾತು ಮಾಡುವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳುತಿ
ಯೋ ಎಂಬುದು ನನಗೆ ಮನದಟ್ಟಾಗಬೇಕು ಈಗ್ಯೆಸುಮಾರು ಒಂದು ಘಂಟೆಯ
ಹಿಂದೆ ನನಗೆ ಒಂದು ಮನವಿ ಬಂತು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ರಂಜಿತ್ ಪ್ರೊಪ್ರೈಟರ್‌ರವರು
ವಿನಂತಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು ಆ ವಿನಂತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನನಗೆ ನೆನಪಿರುವಂತೆ ಅವರು
'ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಿತರೇ ನಾವು ಈಗ ನಡಿಸುತ್ತಲಿದ್ದ ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಮಂದಿರವನ್ನು
ಬಿಡಬೇಕಾಗಿಯೂ ಮತ್ತು ನಮ್ಮದೇ ಆದ ಸ್ವಂತಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಂತ ಸಿನಿ
ಮಾಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಸಬೇಕೆಂದೂ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತೇವೆ ಮತ್ತೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಚರ್ಚ್
ನಮುಂಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಚರ್ಚ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಗ್ಲೆಂಡಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಜನರು ನಾವು ನಮ್ಮ
ಸ್ವಂತ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಮಂದಿರವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಯಾವ ತೊಂದರೆಯೂ
ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದೂ ನಮ್ಮ ವಿಜ್ಞಾಪನೆಗೆ ಮನ್ನಣೆಯನ್ನೂ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಇದರಂತೆಯೇ
ನೀವೂ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಜನಗಳು ನಮ್ಮ ಕಟ್ಟೋಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮ್ಮತಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು
ವಿನಂತಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂಬದಾಗಿ ಬರೆದಿದ್ದರು ನನಗೆ ಈ ಮನವಿಯ
ನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಯಾವತಪ್ಪು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವು ಬರಲಿಲ್ಲ ಮತ್ತೆ ತಪ್ಪು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಕ್ಕೆ
ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣವೂ ತೋರಲಿಲ್ಲ ತರುವಾಯ ನಾನು ಆ ಮನವಿಗೆ ರುಜು ಮಾಡಿ
ದೆನಲ್ಲದೆ, ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರಿಂದಲೂ, ನನ್ನ ಜನರಿಂದಲೂ ಸಹಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಸಿ
ದೆನು ತಮ್ಮ ತಮ್ಮ ಸಹಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿರುವವರು ವಿಚಾರಪರರೂ
ವಿವೇಕಿಗಳೂ, ಆಗಿರುವ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳೇಹೊರತು ಕುರಿಗಳಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ನೀವೂ
ನಾನೂ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು ಆದರೆ ನೀನು ಈಗ ಬಹಳ ಉದ್ವೇಗದಿಂದ
ನಾನು 500 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡೆನೆಂದೂ ಮತ್ತು ಸಹಿಗಳನ್ನು
ಮಾಡಿರವವರೂ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರೂ ಹತ್ತುಹತ್ತು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿ
ರವರೆಂದೂ ಹೇಳಿರುವಮಾತು ಕೇವಲ ನಿರಾಧಾರವಾದದ್ದು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಕಲ್ಪ
ನೆಯಿಂದ ಊಹಿಸಿ ಹೇಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ನಾನು ನಿನಗೆ ಒಂದುಮಾತು ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ
ಹೇಳಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ ಇದನ್ನು ನೀನು ಕೃತ್ರಿಮ (Seriously) ವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀ
ಯೋ ಬೆಧವಾ ತಮಾಷೆಗಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀಯೋ, ಎಂಬುದು ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯದೇ
ಕಾಗಿದೆ ತಮಾಷೆಗೋಸ್ಕರವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುವ ಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಇದನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸದೆ
ಇಲಿಗೆ ಬಿಡುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂದಂದೆನು ಪ್ರತ್ಯುತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಮಿ|| ಎಸ್ ಎಬನೀಜರ್
ನನಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆಂದರೆ "ಇಲ್ಲಾ ಇಲ್ಲಾ ಇದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಬಹಳ ಸೀರಿಯಸ್
ಆಗಿಯೇ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಮ್ಮ ಕ್ವಾರ್ಟರ್‌ಲೀ ಮಾಟಿಂಗಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ

ಈ ವಿಷಯ ಬಹಳತೀರ್ವವಾಗಿ ಚರ್ಚೆ ನಡೆಯಿತು ಇದಕ್ಕೆಬೇಕಾದಷ್ಟು ರುಜು ವಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬಲ್ಲೆವು ನಮ್ಮ ರೆವರೆಂಡ್ ಎಪ ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರೆ ಇದನ್ನು ವಿಾಟಿಂಗಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು ಮತ್ತೆನಾನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆಂದರೆ 'ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ನಾನು ಈ ಮಾತನ್ನು ಈ ಘಳಿಗೆಯಿಂದ ತೀರ್ವವಾಗಿಯೇ ಗಮನಿ ಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದೆನು ಮತ್ತು ರೆವರೆಂಡ್ ಎಫ್ ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರು ಕ್ಯಾರ್‌ಟರಲೀ ಮಿಾಟಿಂಗಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಏನನ್ನು ಮಾತಾಡಿದರ ಎಂದು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಮಾಡಿದನು ನನ್ನ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯುತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಮಿ|| ಎಸ್ ಎಬನೀಜ್‌ರವರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆಂದರೆ– "ರೆ|| ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರು ಈ ರೀತಿ ಹೇಳಿದರು ' ಸಹಿಮಾಡುವವರಲ್ಲಿ (ನನ್ನನ್ನುಉದ್ದೇ ಶಿಸಿ) ಒಬ್ಬರು ಹದಿನೈದು ವರುಷಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಚರ್ಚಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದೂ (ಮಿ|| ಎಸ್ ಸತ್ಯರಾಜ್‌ರವರನ್ನು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ) ಒಬ್ಬರು ನಮ್ಮ ಮಧ್ಯನಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅವರು ಇಲ್ಲಿಹೇಗೆ ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದಾರೆ? ಏತಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದಾರೆ? ನಾನು ಂರಿಯೆನು ಸತ್ತುಹೋದ ಇವರ ತಂದೆ ಎದ್ದುಬಂದು ಇವರನ್ನು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸುವರೆಂದು ನಾನುಹೇಳ ಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ ಇಪ್ಪರಿಂಶೋತ ಯೂದನು ಮೂವತ್ತುರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಯೇಸುಕ್ರಿಸ್ತ ನನ್ನು ಹಿಡುಕೊಟ್ಟಿಂತೆ ಇವರು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ (ಈ ರೀತಿ ರೆ|| ಎಫ್ ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರು ತುಚ್ಛವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನ್ನಾಡುತಿದ್ದರೂ ಮಿ|| ಎಸ ರಾಜುರವರು ಶಾ ತರಾಗಿ ಕುಳಿ ತದು ನನಗೆ ಶ್ಚರ್ಯವನ್ನುಂಟು ಮಾಡಿದೆ ಯೂದನಾದರೋ ಕೇವಲ ಮೂವ ತ್ತು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಶೆಪಟ್ಟನ ಆದರೆ ಸುಖವಾದ ಬಂಗಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಕೊಂಡು ಮಾಕೆಂಸಾತ 10೧ 300 500 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ದೇವರ ಸೇವೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ರೆ|| ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಇತರರೇ ಆಗಲಿ ಇವರ ಬಾಡಿಗೆಯ ದೇವರ ಸೇವಕರಲ್ಲವೇ? ಇವರು ತಾವುಹೇಳುವಯೂ ದವನಿಗಿಂತಲೂ ಯಾವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಕಡಿವೆ ಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಕುರಿಗಳಂತಿರುವ ನಾಯಕ ರಮಧ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಇವರು ಬಾಯಿಗೆ ಬಂದಂತೆ ಮಾತನ್ನಾಡುವುದು ಇವರ ಅಂತಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಾಗಿದೆ ಇನ್ನುಮುಂದಾದರೂ ರೆ|| ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರಾಗಲೀ ಇತರರುಯಾರೇ ಆಗಲಿಸಭಾನಾಯಕರಕೂಟ ಅಥವಾ ಕ್ಯಾರ್‌ಟರಿಲೀಮಿಾಟಿಂಗುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈಬಗೆಯ ಲಾಘವ ಟೀಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬಾರದೆಂದು ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಎಚ್ಚರಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ) 'ಈ ರೀತಿ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯುಳ್ಳದ ಕೆಲವರು ರುಜು ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಪತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಸರಕಾರದ ವರು ಬೆಲೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವರಾದರೆ ತವರು ಎಂದನರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು ನನಗೆ ಶ್ಚರ್ಯ ವಾಗಿದ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು ಆಗ ನಾನು ಈ ರೀತಿ ಹೇಳಿದೆ "ಮಿ|| ಎಬನೀ ಜರ್ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು ನಿನ್ನ ರೆ|| ಹಿಲ ರವರು ನಿಮು ವ ಎಂದೆ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಉಗ್ರ ವಾಗಿಯೂ ತೀಕ್ಷಣವಾಗಿಯೂ ಮಾತಾಡಿರಬಹುದು ಆದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಮುಂದೆ ಅವರು ಆ ರೀತಿ ಮಾತನ್ನಾಡಿದ್ದಿದ್ದರೆ ಲವರ ಬಾಯಿಗೆ ಬೀಗ ಮುಂದೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆನು ಅವರು ತಮ ತವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತನ್ನಾಡಿಕೊಂಡರು ಅಷ್ಟೆ ವಿಚಾರ ಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಹತ್ತು ಜನರ ಮುಂದೆ ತವರು ಂ ರೀತಿ

ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ್ದಿದ್ದರೆ ಅವರ ಪರಿಣಾಮವೇ ಬೇರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಿತು ನಾನು ನಾಯ
ಕ್ಕಾಗಿಯೂ, ಜನರ ಹಿತಕ್ಕಾಗಿಯೂ ಕಷ್ಟದಿಂದ ನಿನ್ನಿಂದಾದಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಜನಸೇವೆ
ಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ ನ್ಯಾಯವಾದ ಲಂಚಗಳಿಗೆ ನಾನು ತಲೆಬಾ
ಗುತ್ತೇನೆ ಅನ್ಯಾಯ ಮತ್ತು ದುರಾರೋಪಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡದೆ
ಬಿಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ರೆ|| ಹಿ ರವರು ನಿಮು ಮುಂದೆ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಉಗ್ರವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ
ರಬಹುದು ಏತಕ್ಕೆಂದರೆ ಉಪದೇಶಿಗಳಾದ ನೀವೂ ಅವರ ಉಪದೇಶವನ್ನು
ಕೇಳಿದ ನಮ್ಮ ನಾಯಕರೂ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ವಿಜೆನರೀ ಜನರ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು
ಕೇಳುವುದೂ ಅದನ್ನು ನಂಬುವುದೂ ಸ್ವಾಭಾವಿಕವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಅವರ ಮಾತು
ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರಿಯೆಗಳನ್ನು ತೂಕ ಮಾಡುವ ಚೈತನ್ಯವು ನಮ್ಮ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಇನ್ನೂ
ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ' ನನ್ನ ಮಾತನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಿ ನಾನು ಈ ರೀತಿಯಾ-ಹೇಳಿದೆನು
''ವಿ || ಎಬನೀಜರ್ ನೀನಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ರೆ|| ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರಾಗಲಿ ಬೀದಿ ಜನರಾ
ಡವ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನಾಡಬಾರದು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಮಾತ ಗಳು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಸ್ಥಾನನೌಕತೆಗೆ ತಕ್ಕ
ವುಗಳಾಗಿರಬೇಕು ನಾನು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಕೆಲಸಗಾರ ಇವರು ನಮ್ಮವರು ಅಥವಾ
ಬೇರೆಯವರೆಂಬ ಭೇದವನ್ನು ಎಣಿಸದೆ ನ್ಯಾಯಸಮ್ಮತವೂ ದೇಶಿಯವೂ ಆಗಿದ್ದು
ಉಪಯೋಗಕರವಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ನನ್ನ ಶಕ್ತಿಗನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ
ಬರುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ ಯಾರು ಯಾವುದೇ ಬಗೆಯ ತಪ್ಪುಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದರೂ ಅದು
ಅನ್ಯಾಯವಾಗಿ ಅಕಾರಣವಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ನಾನದನ್ನ ಖಂಡಿಸುತೇನ ಕ ಗೇ ಹಿಡಿ
ಯುವ ಜನರ ಗುಂಪಿಗೆ ನಾನೂ ಸೇರಿದ್ದಿದ್ದರೆ ನಾನ ಈದಿನ ಜೀವನಮಟ್ಟದ
ಸುಖ ಬೋಗಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ ಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿರುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆ ಆದರೆ ನನಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟುಕಷ್ಟ ಬೊಂದರೆ
ಗಳು ಬಂದರೂ ನಾನು ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ನಿನ್ನಿಂದಾದ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಲು
ಸದಾ ತಯಾರಾಗಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ ನನಗೆ ನಿಮ್ಮಗಳ್ಯಾರ ದಯಾದ ಕ್ಷಿಣ್ಯವೂ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ
ನಾನು ಹೋಗುವ ದಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾ ಯ ಮಾರ್ಗ-ವಿರುವುದೆಂದು ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯವ
ರೆಯಂತರ ನಾನು ಬೇರೆ ಮಾರ್ಗವನ್ನು ಹಿಡಿಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ

ನನ್ನ ವಿಷಯ ಮತ್ತು ಅನೇಕ ಮಿತ್ರರವಿಷಯ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ಪರುಷ
ನಿಮ್ಮ ಚರ್ಚೆನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಲಾಪಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಬೆಂಬಲನೀಡಿ ಮುಂದಾಳಾ
ಗಿದ್ದು ಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡಿದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ ಸತ್ಯರಾಜುರವರ ವಿಷಯ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಕ್ವಾರ್ಟ
ರ ಲೀ ಮಾಟಂಗಿನಲ್ಲಿ ರೆ|| ಎಫ್ ಹಿಲ ರವರು ಹೀನಭಾವದಿಂದ ಮಾತಾಡಿರುವು
ದನ್ನೂ ಮತ್ತೆ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಅರಿತ ನನ್ನಸ್ನೇಹಿತನಾದ ನೀನು ಸಹ ನಾನು
ಐದುನೂರು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿರುತ್ತೇನೆಂದೂ ಅಥವಾ ನನಗೆಂದು ಮತ್ಯಾ
ರೋ ಪಡೆದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆಂಬಂತಿಗಿಂತಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಸಮ್ಮತಿಯನ್ನು ಸಹಿಮೂಲಕ ತೋರಿ
ಸುವ ಸಹೋದರಸಹೋದರಿಯರು ತಲಾ ತಮ್ಮರುಜು ಹಾಕಲು ಹತ್ತುರೂಪಾಯಿ
ಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿರುವರೆಂದೂ ಹೇಳುವುದು ನನ್ನ ಮನಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ನೋವನ್ನೂ

ವ್ಯಸನವನ್ನೂ ಗುಂಟುಮಾಡುತ್ತದೆ ಈವಿಧವಾದ ಕಾಲ್ಪನಿಕ ಆರೋಪಗಳು ಬರು
ವುದು ಸ್ವಾಭಾವಿಕ ಹೀಗೆ ದೇರೆಯವರ ವಿಷಯ ಆರೋಪಣೆ ಮಾಡುವುದೂಲಾಭ
ವವಾಗಿ ಭಾವಿಸಿ ತಪ್ಪಪ್ರಚಾರ ಮಾಡುವುದೂ ದೇವರ ಸೇವಕರೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೊ
ಳ್ಳುವ ಪಾದ್ರಿ ಉಪದೇಶಕರಿಗೆ ಅಗೌರವ ತರುತ್ತದೆಯೆಂಬ ಅವರ ಮಾತುಗಳಂಗ
ಅವರ ಸಾಧನ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿಯೂ ಕಾಲ್ಪನಿಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯಲ್ಲದೆ ಇದರ ಪರಿಣಾಮವನ್ನೂ
ಇವರು ಅನುಭವಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿಯೂ ಬರುವುದು ಎಂದು ಪೌಲಿದೆನು ಕರುಣಾಯ
ನಮ್ಮ ವಾಗ್ವಾದವು ಸಮಾಪ್ತವಾಯಿತು

ರೆವರೆಂಡ್ ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರೇ, ನೀವು ಕ್ವಾರಟೆರಿಲೀ ಮಾಟಿಂಗಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಮತ್ತು
ನನ್ನ ಸಹೋದರ ವಿಷಯ ಆಡಿದಕನಿಷ್ಠವಾದ ಮಾತುಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ಆರೋಪಣೆಗಳ
ಪರಿಣಾಮವಾಗಿ ನಿಮಗೆ ಇಷ್ಟು ಸಂಗತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಬಹಿರಂಗಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಪೀರಿಕಾ
ರೂಪವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಬಂದಿತು ಈ ಪರಿಯಂತರ ನಾನೂ ನೀವೂ ಮುಖಾ
ಮುಖಿಯಾಗಿ ಸಂಧಿಸುವ ಸನ್ನಿವೇಶಬರಲಿಲ್ಲ ಪರದೇಶಿಯರಾದ ನಮಗೆ ಇಂತಹ
ಕೆಚ್ಚುಇದ್ದರೆ ಸ್ವದೇಶಿಯರಾದ ನಮಗೆ ಎಂದಾ ಕೆಚ್ಚುಇರಬೇಕಾದೀತೆಂದು ನೀವು
ಯೋಚಿಸಿರಾ ?

ಹದಿನೈದು ವರುಷಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ನಾನು ದೇವಸಾನಕ್ಕೆ (Church) ಬಂದಿ
ವೆಂಬದಾಗಿ ನೀವು ಕ್ವಾರಟರ್‌ಲೀ ಮಾಟಿಂಗಿನಲಿ ಹೇಳಿದು ನಿಜವೇ ? ಬಹಶ
ನಾನು (ನನ್ನಂತೆ ಅನುಭವ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಇತರರೂ) ದೇವಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬರಲಿಲ್ಲ
ವೆಂದೇ ಭಾವಿಸೋಣ ಆದರೆ ಸಭಾ ಪಾಲಕರಿಂದೂ, ಬೋಧಕರಿಂದೂ ಹೇಳಿಸಿ
ಕೊಂಡು ನಮ್ಮ ಬಡ ಜನರಿಗೆ ತಪ್ಪು ಇಡಲು ಸ್ಥಳವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಯಾತ್ರಯಾತನೆಯನ್ನ
ನುಭವಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೂ ನೀವು ಭಾರೀ ಬಾರೀ ಬಂಗಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಖವಾಗಿ ವಾಸಮಾಡಿ
ಕೊಂಡು ಮಾಹೆಯಾನ 400-500 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಸಂಬಳ ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಾ ದಿನ
ಬೆಳಗಾದರೆ ನೋಟಾರು ರಿಪೇರಿ ತಿಕ್ಕಾಟಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ದೇವರ ಸೇವಕರೆಂದೆನಿಸಿ
ಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ನೀವು ಇಷ್ಟು ವರುಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಒಂದು ದಿನ ನನ್ನನ್ನು
ಹುಡುಕಿಕೊಂಡು ನನ್ನ ಬಳಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರಾ ? ನಾನು ಕಷ್ಟಕಾಯಿಲೆ ಹಿಂಸೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ
ಹಾಸಿಗೆ ಹಿಡಿದು ಮಲಗಿದಾಗ (ಆಪ್ತರಾದ ನನ್ನ ಹಿಂದೂ ಬಾಂಧವರು ನನ್ನ ಕಷ್ಟ
ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಮನೆಗೆ ಬಂದು ನನ್ನ ಕಷ್ಟ ಸುಖಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿ ಸಹಾಯ
ಮಾಡಿದ್ದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಎಂದೆಂದಿಗೂ ಮರೆಯಲಾರೆ ಅವರೇ ನನ್ನ ಬಂಧುಗಳು)
ನೀವು ನನ್ನ ಮನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರಾ ? ಸುಖ ಪುರುಷರೂ ಸ್ವೇಚ್ಛಾ ವಿಹಾರಿ
ಗಳೂ, ಸ್ವಾರ್ಥಪರರೂ, ಕಪಟಿಗಳೂ ಆದ ನೀವು ಯಾವ ನಾಲಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಥವ
ರು ಅಂಥವರು ದೇವಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬರಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ನುಡಿದಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ ? ಪಾಶ್ಚಿಮಾತ್ಯ
ರಾದ ನಿಮ್ಮಿಂದ ಈ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಈ ದೇವಾಲಯಗಳು

(Churches) ಅನ್ಯಾಯ ಅಕ್ರಮ, ಕೃತ್ರಿಮ, ದಾಸ್ಯ ಮನೋವೃತ್ತಿಯ ಪಾಪ ಮಂದಿರಗಳಾಗಿ ಮರಣದ ಮಹಾದ್ವಾರಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆಂದೂ ಸ್ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗಬ ಹುದಾದ ಮನುಷ್ಯನನ್ನೂ ನರಕದ ಮಹಾದ್ವಾರಕ್ಕೆ ನುಗ್ಗಿಸುವ ಸಾಧನಗಳಾಗಿ ಯೇ ಇವೆಯೆಂದೂ ನಾನು ನಿಮಗೆ ಬಹಿರಂಗವಾಗಿ ಸಾವಾಲ್ ಹಾಕುವೆನಾದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳು ನಿರಾಧಾರವಾದುವುಗಳೆಂದು ವಾದರಂಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾದಿಸುವ ಎದೆಗಾರಿಕೆಯು ನಿವ ಗಾಗಲಿ ನಿಮ್ಮಿಂದ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವನ್ನ ಪಡೆದು ನೀವು ಹಾಕಿರುವ ಮಾರ್ಗದಲಿಯೇ ನಡೆಯ ತ್ತಾ ತಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಬುದ್ಧಿಯನ್ನೂ ವಿಚಾರ ಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನೂ ಕುಂದಿಸಿ ಹಾಳುಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ನಿಮ್ಮ ವಿಧಿ ನೀಯಮಗಳಿಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ತಲೆಯ ನ್ನು ಬಾಗಿಸಿರುವ ನಾಮ ಮಾತ್ರದ ನಾಯಕರಿಗಾಗಲಿ ಇರುವುದೇ ? ಮತ್ತು ನಿಮಿ ಂದ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ದೇವಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಕ್ರಮ, ಅನ್ಯಾಯ, ಅನಾ ಚಾರ ದ್ವೇಷಾಸೂಯೆ, ಡಾಂಬಿಕಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಸ್ವದೇಶದ್ರೋಹ ಪರಮತ ನಿಂದನೆ ಸ್ವಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠೆ ಇನೇ ಮೊದಲಾದ ಸಹಿಸಲುಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದ ದುರ್ಗುಣಗಳು ಮನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತವೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಕ್ಕಸಾಕ್ಷಿಗಳಿಂದ ಸಾಧಿಸುವೆನೆಂದು ನಿಮಗೆ ಸವಾ ಲ್ ಹಾಕಿದರೆ ನೀವು ನನ್ನ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿಭಟಿಸುವಎದೆಗಾರಿಕೆ ಚೈತನ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಕಾರಣಗಳಿಗಿರುತ್ತವೆಯೆ ? ದೇವಾಲಂ ಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವ ಕುರಿಗಳು ಕೋಳಿ ಗಳ ಕೆಗೆ ಒಕ್ಕದಿರಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವೇ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದೇ ನನ್ನ ಹದಿನೈದು-ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತು ವರುಷ ಗಳ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣಾನುಭವಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿರುವುದು ಈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ನಾನು ನಿಮಗೆ ಒತ್ತಾಯವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಬೇಕಾದ ಒಂದು ಮಾತು ಏನೆಂದರೆ ವಿಚಾರಶೂನ್ಯ ರನ್ನಾಗಿಯೂ ವಿವೇಕರಹಿತರನ್ನಾಗಿಯೂ ತಮ್ಮ ಒಂದ್ದಿ ಶಕ್ತಿಯ ನ್ನ ಪರಾಧೀನ ಮಾಡುವ ನಿಶ್ಶಕ್ತರನ್ನಾಗಿಯೂ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡುವ ಈ ದೇವಾಲ ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಬರುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿಚಾರ ಪರರಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವು ತಾನೇ ಲಭಿ ಸೀತು ? ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ನೀವು ಸಾಧಿಸುವಿರಾ ? ತಾ ಗಿಯಾಗಿರ್ಬ ಯೇಸುಕ್ರಿಸ್ತನ ಸೇವಕರೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಭೋಗಿಗಳಾದ ನಿಮ್ಮಿಂದ, ನಿವ್ಮ ಬೋಧನೆಯನ್ನು ದೇವಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತು ಕೇಳುವುದರಿಂದ ಯಾವ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವು ತಾನೇ ಲಭಿ ಸೀತು ? ಯೇಸುಕ್ರಿಸ್ತನ ಆದರ್ಶವು ನಿಮ ದೇವಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೋರಬರ ನಪರಿ ಯಂತರ (ಎಂದಿಗೂ ಈ ಆದರ್ಶವು ನಿಮ್ಮಿಂದ ನಿಮಗನುಕೂಲವಾಗಿ ನ್ಯವಸ್ಥಿತ ವಾಗಿರುವ ಈ ದೇವಾಲಯಗಳಿಂದ ಬರುವುದೇ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದೇ ನನ್ನ ಸಕಾರಣನಿರ್ಧ ರತೀರ್ಮಾನ) ವಿವೇಕಿಗಳೂ, ವಿಚಾರಪರರೂ ಸುದಾರಿಸಿರೂ ಬಾರದಿರ ವುದೇ ಭಾಗ್ಯವೆಂದು ನಾನು ಭಾವಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ ಈ ವಾದವನು ಪ್ರತಿವಿರೋಧಿಸುವ ಸಾಮ ರ್ಥ್ಯವು ನಿಮಗಾಗಲಿ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಬೋಧನಾ ಮಾರ್ಗಗಳಸ್ತು ನಂಬಿ ಆದರಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ನಡಿ ಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಸಭಾ ನಾಯಕರಿಗಾಗಲಿ ಇರ ವುದೇ ?

ಇಷ್ಟನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ನಾನು ನಿಮಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದ ಬಳಿಕ ಈ ಮುಂಪಣ ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಾಯದಿಂದ ನಿಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ

1 ನನ್ನನ್ನ ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ ನೀವು 'ಇವರು ದೇವಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹದಿನೈದುವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಬಾರದವರು' ಎಂದು ನಿಮ್ಮ ತ್ರೈವಾರ್ಷಿಕ (Quarterly Meeting) ಕೂಟದಲಿ ಹೇಳಿರುವ ಮಾತನ್ನು ನೀವು ವಿಷಾಧಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ವಾಪಸ್ಸು ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾನು ಈ ಪತ್ರದ ಮುಖೇನ ಒತ್ತಾಯಪಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ

2 ಕಳೆದ ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತು ವರುಷಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ನಿಮ್ಮದೇವಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ನಾನಾರೀತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೆರವಾಗಿ ತನ್ನ ಸಹಾಯ ಸಹಕಾರಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸವಗಾಜದಲ್ಲೂ ಹೊರಗೂ ಗಣ್ಯಸ್ಥಾನವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್ ಸತ್ಯರಾಜುರವರ ವಿಷಯು ಪಾದ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ನೀವು ದ ರಾಗ್ಗಹದಿಂದ ಎಲ್ಲೆ ವಿಾರಿ ಆಡಿರುವ 'ಯೂದ ಇಸ್ಕರಿಯೋತ' ಮುಂತಾದ ಯೋಗ್ಯ ಮಾತುಗಳನು ನೀವು ವಾಪಸು ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ನು ನಾನು ಒತ್ತಾಯಪಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ

3 ರಾಜಿಕ್ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಕಟ್ಟೋಣಕ್ಕೆ ತಮ ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಸುಮಾರು ಆರ ವತ್ತು ಜನ ಸಹೋದರ ಸಹೋದರಿಯರ ವಿಷಯ ನೀವು ಲಘುವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನ್ನಾಡಿ ಇವರು ತಲಾ ಹತ್ತು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ತಮ್ಮ ಸಮ್ಮತಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದರೆಂದು ಆರೋಪ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ನಿಮ್ಮ ನಿರಾಧಾರವಾಗಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೀವು ವಾಪಸ್ಸು ಪಡೆದು ಈ ಜನರಿಂದ ಕ್ಷಮಾಪಣೆಯನ್ನೂ ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾನು ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಈ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಒತ್ತಾಯಪಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ

4 ಹಾಲಿ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಕಟ್ಟಲಿರುವ ಗಾಲೀಕರ ಕಡೆಯಿಂದವಾರೀ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದ ಐದು ಹತ್ತುಸಹಸ್ರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಸಾಲವನ್ನು ಅಪೇಕ್ಷಿಸಿದ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಮುಖಂಡರ ಅವರು ತವರು ಅದನ್ನು ಕೂಡಲು ನಿರಾಕರಿಸಿದ ರಿಂದ ವ ನಗೊಂದಿಳಿನ ಸರಕಾರವು ಆದ್ಯಂತವಾಗಿ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಿಸಿ ಯಾವ ತೊಂದರೆ ತಿಷ್ಠಿ ಆಟಂಕಗಳಿಲ್ಲದಂತೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ತನ್ನ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಮಂದಿರವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಲು ಅನುಮತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಬಳಿಕ ನಿಷ್ಕಾರಣ ತರಳಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಎಬ್ಬಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು ಜನ ಜನಿತವಾಗಿ ಹರಡಿರುವ ಸಮಾಚಾರದ ಸತ್ಯಾಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ನೀವೇ ಕಂಡುಹಿಡಿದು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಮುಖಂಡರ ಅಪರಾಧಕ್ಕೆ ನೀವೇ ತಕ್ಕ ಪ್ರಾಯಶ್ಚಿತ್ತವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವಂತೆ ನಾನು ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಾಯಪಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ

5 ಕಟ ಕಡೆಯಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ ರೆವರೆಂಡ್‌ರವರಾದ ನೀವು ನಮ್ಮ ಳಿವ ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೂ ಸರಕಾರದ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರರಾದ ಉನ್ನತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೂ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಕ್ವಾರಟರ್‌ಲೀ ಮಿಾಟಿಂಗಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹತ್ತಾರು ಜನರ ನಡುವೆ ತುಚ್ಛನಾಗಿ ಆಡಿರುವ ಮಾತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಪಶ್ಚಾತ್ತಾಪ

ಪಟ್ಟು ದ್ವೈನ್ಯ ಭಾವದಿಂದ ನಿಮ್ಮ ನಾಯಕರೊಂದಿಗೆ ನೀವು ಆಡಿದ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ಪತ್ಯಾಹಾರದಿಂದ ವಾಪಸ್ಸು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆಂದು ನಾನು ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಾಯಪಡಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ ॥ ರೆ॥ ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರೇ ಈ ಬಹಿರಂಗಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಟ್ಟಕಡೆ ದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಬೇಕಾದ ಪ್ರಾಮುಖ್ಯಂಶ ಈ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ ' ವಿವೇಚನಾರಹಿತವಾಗಿಯೂ ಕೃತಘ್ನತಾ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಕವಾಗಿಯೂ, ಅಸಂಬದ್ಧವಾಗಿಯೂ ಅಪರಾಧಕಾರಕವಾಗಿಯೂ, ಇರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಸರಕಾರದ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರರಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಾತ್ಸಾರದಿಂದ ಕಾಣುವ ದಿಕ್ಕಾರದ ಧೋರಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೀವು (ತಾರೀಖು 20 6 1947) ನಿಮ್ಮ ತ್ರೈಮಾಸಿಕ ಕೂಟದಲ್ಲಿ 'ಬೇಜವಾಬ್ದಾರರಾದ' ಗಣನೆಗೆ ಬಾರದ ಕೆಲವು ಜನರು ರುಜು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಬೆಲೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಈ ಸರಕಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಸರಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ವರ್ತನೆಯು ನಮಗೆ ತಸಮಾಧಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯವನ್ನುಂಟು ಮಾಡಿದೆ' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿರುವ ಮಾತು ಅಕ್ಷಮ್ಯ ಅಪರಾಧಕಾರಕವಾಗಿಯೂ ಗಮನಾರ್ಹವಾಗಿಯೂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ ॥ರೆ॥ ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜರ ಸರಕಾರದವರನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳೂ ಪರದೇಶಿಗಳಾದ ನಿಮಗೂ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಬಂಧುಬಾಂಧವರಿಗೂ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಪಾರ ಉಪಕಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಹಾಯ ಸಹಕಾರಗಳನ್ನೂ 'ಬಿಳಿಯ' ಜನರಾದ ನೀವು ಮರೆತುಬಿಡುವ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆಂದು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಮಾತುಗಳಿಂದ ತೋರ್ಪಡುತ್ತದೆ ವಾಸ್ತವವಾಗಿಯೂ ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶಿಯ ಸರಕಾರಗಳು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರದೇಶಿಯರಾದ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಗಳ ಪ್ರವೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನೇ ಕೊಡಬಾರದಾಗಿದ್ದಿತು ಆದರೂ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರವೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಅಸ್ತಿತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ, ನಿಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡಿದೆವು

ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶಿಯರೇ ತಗಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಖವಾಗಿ ವಾಸಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹತೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು ವಾಸಮಾಡಲು ಗುಡಿಸಲುಗಳೂ ಮನೆಗಳೂ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಎಷ್ಟೋ ತೊಪರೆಯನ್ನ ಭವಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ನಮ್ಮ ಬಡ ಜನಗಳಿಗೆ ವಸತಿ ಗೃಹಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡುವುದನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಪರದೇಶದಿಂದ ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ಮಿಷನೆರಿಗಳ ನಿವಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇವರು ಮಾಡುವ ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಂದರೆ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ, ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ಅನಾಥಾಲಯ, ಬೋರ್ಡಿಂಗ್ ಮೊದಲಾದುವುಗಳ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳೂ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಪರಕಾರವೂ ಭಾರೀ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಅತ್ಯಲ್ಪವಾದ ಬೆಲೆಗೂ, ಕೆಲವು ಸಮಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಉಚಿತವಾದ ಬೆಲೆಗೂ ಕೊಟ್ಟು, ಈ ಮಿಷನೆರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹಿಸಿರುವುದು ಗಮನಾರ್ಹವಾದ ಅಂಶವಾಗಿದೆ ಇಷ್ಟು ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೆ ಮಿಷನೆರಿಗಳು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿರುವ ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆ, ವೈದ್ಯಶಾಲೆ ಹಾಸ್ಪಿಟಲ್, ಅನಾಥಾಲಯ ಮೊದಲಾದುವುಗಳಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರಕಾರವು ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಧನಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಇಷ್ಟನ್ನೆ

ಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಸರಕಾರವನ್ನು, ಮತ್ತು ಇದರ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಧಿಕ್ಕರಿಸಿ ಮಾತನ್ನಾಡುವುದು ವಿಷನರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಯೋಗ್ಯವಾಮದಲ್ಲ ವಿದೇಶಿಯರಾದ ಬ್ರಿಟಿಷರು ಕಟ್ಟಕಡೆಯದಾಗಿ ಈ ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಹೋಗುವ ಸನ್ನಿವೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಿಷನೆರಿಗಳು ದೇಶೀಯ ಸರಕಾರಗಳಿಂದ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಉಪಕಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ನೂರಾರು ವರ್ಷಗಳವರೆಗೆ ನೆನ್ನಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದುದು ಒತ್ತಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ ಮಿಷನೆರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತಧಾರವಾಗಿದ್ದ ಬ್ರಿಟೀಷರು ಈ ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಹೋಗುವ ಕಾಲ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಸಮಾಪವಾಗಿರುವ ಈ ಸನ್ನಿವೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ರೆ|| ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರೆ, ನೀವು ಈ ರೀತಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರಕಾರವನ್ನೂ ಅದರ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವರ್ಗದವರನ್ನೂ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರದ ದೋರಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತನ್ನಾಡಿರುವುದು ಅಕ್ಷಮ್ಯ ಅಪರಾಧವಾಗಿದೆ ನೀವು ಆಡಿದ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಂಡು ಸಭಾನಾಯಕರ ಕೂಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದ ಕ್ರೈಸ್ತ ಸಭೆಯ ನಾಯಕರೆಂದೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವವರು ಮೌನವಾಗಿದ್ದುದು ಮಿಷನೆರಿಗಳಾದ ನಿಮ್ಮಿಂದ ಇವರಿಗೆ ದೊರಕಿದ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯಾಗಿದೆ ಮಿಷನೆರಿಗಳಾದ ನೀವೂ, ನಮ್ಮ ಪನೆ ಸರಕಾರದಿಂದ ಉಚಿತವಾಗಿಯೋ, ಅತ್ಯಲ್ಪವಾದ ಬೆಲೆಗೋ ದೊರಕಿಸಿಕೊಂಡ ಜಮೀನು-ನಿವೇಶನ ಮತ್ತು ಇವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿದ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳು ಮೊದಲಾದುವುಗಳನ್ನು ಲಾಭದ ಸನ್ನಿವೇಶವನ್ನು ಕಾದಿದ್ದು ಭಾರೀ ಲಾಭವು ಏಕ್ಷುವಸನ್ನಿವೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಹಣದಾಸೆಗೆ ಕಟ್ಟುಬಿದ್ದು ನಾವಾರುವ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳ ವಿಷಯ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರಕಾರವು ಸೂಕ್ತವಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳದೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟದ್ದು ನಮ್ಮ ಪನೆ ಸರಕಾರವು ನಮಗೆ ತೋರಿಸಿದೆ ಉದಾರತೆಗೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆಂದು ನೀವು ತಿಳಿದಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ''?

ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯು ಹೀಗಿರಲು ಆಂಗ್ಲೇಯ ಮಿಷನೆರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬರಾದ ಮತ್ತು 10 15 ವರುಷಗಳಕಾಲ ಇಲಿಯೇ ಇರುವ ''ರೆ|| ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರೇ ನೀವು ನಮ್ಮ ಶೀಮನ್ನ ಹೆರಾಜರವರ ಸರಕಾರವನ್ನೂ ಇವರ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವರ್ಗದವರನ್ನೂ ಧಿಕ್ಕಾರದ ಧೋರಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತಾಡಿರುವುದು ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ಮೃತಿಪಥಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿ ಬೂತವಾಗಿದೆ ರೆ|| ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರೇ ನೀವು ನಮ್ಮ ಸರಕಾರದಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟೋ ಉಪಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಇಂತಹ ನೀವು ಸರಕಾರಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ವಿಷಯ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಭಾವನೆ ವರ್ತನೆಯನ್ನು ತೋರಿಸುವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತನಾಡುವುದು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಸ್ಥಾನಮಾನ ಗೌರತೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಧಕ್ಕೆ ತರುವುದಾಗಿದೆ ಈ ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಹೊರಡುವಕಾಲದಲ್ಲೂ ಪರದೇಶಿ ಮಿಷನೆರಿಗಳಾದ ನಿಮಗೆ ಇಂಥಹ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಭಾವನೆಯು ಇರುವುದಾದರೆ ಈ ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಬಿಡದೆ ಇನ್ನಿಯೇ ಇನ್ನೂ ನೂರಾರು ವರುಷಗಳು ಈ ದೇಶದಲಿಯೇ ಇರುವುದಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಹಿಡಿದುನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಿರುತಿದಿ ತೇ ಎಂಬುದು ಒಂದು ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಯಾಗಿದೆ

ರಾಜಧಾನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂದೆ ಬಾಡಿಗೆಯ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಒಂದರಲ್ಲಿ ಚಲನಚಿತ್ರವನ್ನು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ 'ರಣಜಿತ್' ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಮಾಲೀಕರು ಈಗ ಅಂದರೆ ಸುಮಾರು 7-8 ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳ ಹಿಂದಿನಿಂದಲೂ, ಬಾಡಿಗೆಯ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಅದರ ಪಕ್ಕದಲ್ಲೆಯೇ ತಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಂತ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಿಸುತ್ತಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಗ್ಗೆ ಸುಮಾರು ವರುಷದ ಹಿಂದೆ ಈ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಮಂದಿರ ಕಟ್ಟಲು ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಆತಂಕ ಇರುವುದೇ, ಹಾಗಿಲ್ಲದೇ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀವು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮ್ಮತಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದ್ದ ಒಂದು ಮನವಿಯು ನನ್ನ ಕೈಗೆ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿತ್ತು. ನಾನು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ತಕ್ಕ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡಿದೆನಲ್ಲದೆ ಅನೇಕ ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರಿಂದಲೂ ಬಂಧುಮಿತ್ರರಿಂದಲೂ ಸಹಾಯವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ್ದೆನು. ನಾನು ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಹಕಾರ ಮನೋಭಾವನೆಯು ಹೊರತು ಬೇರೆ ಕಾರಣವಲ್ಲದೆ ಬೇರೆ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಈಗ ನೀವೂ ಮತ್ತೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಕೆಲವರು ಈ ಸಹಾಯ ಯಾವ ಆರೋಪಣೆಯು ಕಾರಣಗಳೂ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ನೀವು ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ತಿಳಿಯಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ — ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ನನ್ನ ಮೇಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಸಕಾರಣವಾಗಿ ಬೇರೆ ಆರೋಪಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಿಸುವ ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣಗಳೇ ಆಗಲಿ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಗುಂಪಿನವರೂ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಸಂಕುಚಿತ ಕೋಣೆಯನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕವಾದ ರಂಗಮಂಟಪಕ್ಕೆ ಬರಬಹುದೆಂದು ಅಪ್ಪಣೆ ಕೊಡುಗಳಿಗೂ ಕೇಳುವಂತೆ ಈ ಬಹಿರಂಗಪತ್ರದಮೂಲಕ ನಾನು ನಿಮಗೆ ಕರೆಕಾಲ್ ಕಾಕಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಹಾಲಿ ಕಟ್ಟಲಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ರಣಜಿತ್ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಮಂದಿರದಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಸಿವೆ ಕಾಳಿನಷ್ಟು ತೊಂದರೆಯೂ ಅಡ್ಡಿಯೂ ಆಗಲಾರದೆಂದು ಸಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸಾಧಿಸಲು ನಾನು ತಯಾರಾಗಿದ್ದೇನೆ ದೇವಾಲಯದ ಕಾಂಪೌಂಡ್ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಿ। ಹಿಂದುಳಿದವರಾದ ನಿಮಗೆ ಅಧವಾ ಈ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಆರಾಧನೆಗೆಂಬ ನೆಪದಿಂದ ಹೋಗುವ ಜನರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯೋ ಹೊರತು ಇದರಿಂದ ಆಚೆಗೆ ಒಂದು ಅಂಗುಲದಷ್ಟು ಸ್ಥಳದ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಾದರೂ ನಿಮಗಾಗಲಿ ಅಧವಾ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಕಡೆಯವರಿಗಾಗಲಿ ಯಾವ ಹಕ್ಕೂ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ — ಈ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಮಂದಿರವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟುವ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿಯಾಗಿ ಈ ಸ್ಥಳವನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಯ ಇಂಜನಿಯರ್‌ರವರೂ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟರೂ ಸ್ಥಳಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡಿರುವರೆಂದೂ ಈ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಮಂದಿರ ಕಟ್ಟುವುದರಿಂದ ಇದರ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲಿರುವ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಧವಾ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ವಿಧದಲ್ಲಿಯಾರೂ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಆತಂಕ ಸಲ್ಲ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನೂ ಖಾತರಿಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದೂ ಬಲ್ಲೆ. ಸಮು

ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ಮೈಸೂರು ಸಿಟಿ ಇಂಪ್ರೂವ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟ್ರಸ್ಟ್ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನ ವಿಚಾರಕ್ಕಿಗೆ ತರಿದಿದಾರೆಂದೂ ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರದ ಸೌಂದರ್ಯ ಅಗತ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ, ಜನರ ಹಿತಕ್ಕೆ ಒತ್ತು ಕೊಡುವಂತೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವ ಟ್ರಸ್ಟ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಸಹ ಕೂಲಂಕುಶವಾಗಿ ಇದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೋಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದೂ, ಬಳಿಕ ಕಾನೂನಿನ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸಿ ರಣಜಿತ್ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಮಾಲೀಕರು

ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ತನ್ನ ಸ್ವಂತ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಲು ಲೈಸನ್ಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವರೆಂದು ಹೇಳಲು ಯಾವ ಅಡ್ಡಿಯೂ ಇಲ್ಲ ಇಷ್ಟು ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೆ ಈ ವಿಷಯವು ಎಲ್ಲಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ ಉನ್ನತ ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಮಂತ್ರಿವರ್ಯರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೂ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆಂದೂ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಈ ಭಾರೀ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ತಳಹದಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಐದು ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳಾದುವುವೆಂದೂ, ಈ ಕಟ್ಟಡಕ್ಕೆ ಭಾರೀ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದ ಏರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳು ನಡೆದಿರುತ್ತವೆಂದೂ, ಈಗಾಗಲೇ 80 ಅಥವಾ 90 ಸಹಸ್ರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ವ್ಯಯವಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಬರುತ್ತದೆ ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ರೆ॥ ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರೇ, ನೀವೂ ಮತ್ತು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಕಡೆಯ ಕೆಲವು ಜನರು ಈ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟುವುದರಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮ ದೇವನಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಇದರ ಸಂಬಂಧವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಕೇಳಿಬರುತ್ತಿದೆ ಈ ಬಗೆಯ ಯಾವ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಗಳೂ ಫಲಕಾರಿಯಾಗಲಾರವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದವರು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ (ಈ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲ ಪ್ರತಿಯು ತಾ॥ 28-6 1947 ರಲ್ಲೂ ರೆವರೆಂಡ್ ಎಫ್ ಹಿಲ್ ಬಿ ಎ ರವರಿಗೆ ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಅಕ್ನಾಲೆಡ್ಜ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕಳುಹಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ) ರೆ॥ ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರೆ ಕಟ್ಟಡೆಯೆಂದಾಗಿ ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ಪರವಾಗಿಯೆ ಹಾ, ನನ್ನ ಸಹೋದರರ ಪರವಾಗಿಯೂ ಯೋದಕರಿಂದಿನಿಸಿದ ನಿಮಗೂ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಮುಖಂಡತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ ತಲೆಬಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ವಿಚಾರಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನೂ ಸ್ವಾವಲಂಬನ ಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನೂ ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ನಾಮಮಾತ್ರದ ಕಾಯಕರಿಗೂ ಹೇಳಬೇಕಾದ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಂಶವಿದು ದೇವಾಲಯದ ಒಳ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪದೇಶ ಮಾಡುವ ಹಕ್ಕು ನಿಮಗಿದೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಉಪದೇಶವನ್ನು ಕುಳಿತುಕೇಳುವ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ನಮ್ಮ ಜನರಿಗಿದೆ ಆದರೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ದೇವಾಲಯದ ಕಾಂಪೌಂಡಿನ ಆಚೆ ಇರುವ ಕೇವಲ ಒಂದು ಅಂಗುಲ ಸ್ಥಳದ ವಿಚಾರವೂ ನೀವು ಮಾತಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಹಕ್ಕಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ವೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ನೀವು ತಿಳಿದ ಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವುದೆ ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಮಿ॥ ಇ ಎಬನೀಜರ್ ಕೆಲಕೆಲವರಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ವಿಷಯ ಅಪಪ್ರಚಾರ ಮಾಡುವ ಹುದ್ದೆಯನ್ನು ಕೈಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ನನ್ನ ಕಿವಿಗೆ ಕೇಳಿಬರುತ್ತದೆ ನಾನು ಪ್ರತಿಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಮಾಡುವನೆಂಬ ಸಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದರೆ ಮಿ॥ ಎಬನೀಜರ್ ಉಪದೇಶಿಯ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಬಿಡಬೇಕಾದ ಅಪಘಾತಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದೀತು ಎಚ್ಚರದಿಂದಿರುವುದೂ ಯೋಗ್ಯವಾಗಿವರ್ತಿಸುವುದೂ ಉಚಿತ ರೆ॥ ಹಿಲ್‌ರವರೇ ಕ್ರೈಸ್ತಸಭೆಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ ನವ್ಯ ಆದನಾ ನನ್ನ ಸಹೋದರರನ್ನು ಗಣನೆಗೆ ಬಾರದವರೆಂದು ನೀವು ಹೇಳುವುದಾದರೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಭೌತಿಕ ತೊಡಕು ಮಾತ್ರ ನೀವು ಭೋಗಿಗಳಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ 250 300 ಪೌಂಡುಗಳಾಗಬಹುದೇ ಹೊರತು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಯೋಗ್ಯತೆಯು ಸಾಸಿವೆ ಕಾಳಿಗಿಂತಲೂ ಹಗುರವಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ನಾನು ವಿಷಾದದಿಂದ ತಿಳಿಸಿ ನಿಮ್ಮ ವಿವರಣಾಪೂರ್ಣವಾದ ಪ್ರತ್ಯುತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಎದುರುನೋಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ ಜೆ ಸ್ವಾಮಿದಾಸ್

ಕಗ್ಗ ಪವರ್ ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ಮೈಸೂರು (28 6 47) ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಕೆಲಸಗಾರ

IN DEFENCE OF TRUTH

The construction of Picture House in "Thamboo Chetty' road and the Christians in Mysore [Part 1]

The proprietor of the "Ranjit Talkies" who was ousted from the present premises, owing to certain disagreements between him and his land lord, was desirous of constructing his own Talkie House in the Royal City and fortunately he was able to secure a plot of land within a few yards from his previous picture house in the same road The site has got its own attractions Before investing huge capital over the building to be built for purpose of running a Cinema, he had to study the local conditions and the attitude of the neighbourers, as he could not think it a business proposition, if there is no local support and sympathy Nor could he get the required license for constructing a "Talkie House" from the Municipal authorities, if they feel that such a public house in such a place would strain the relationships of the several communities living in the surroundings In an attempt to study and gather the public opinion in this regard, he desired the Church goers to say whether they have any objection for raising a Cinema in the place noted above, as there is a Church in the same road, but situated at a distance and enclosed on all sides with a compound A few devotees of this Church thought that there will be no trouble from the Cinema in the present place to the Church goers and also there would be no obstacle to the conduct of prayer meetings in the Church So, they had no objection for the construction of a "Talkie" in the place, where a building is now being constructed and they had reduced their opinion into writing which was brought to me for my opinion, as I am also a devotee of that Church

This is exactly the situation, when I was called upon to express my views in the matter I, as a Citizen of Mysore, a Social Worker and a devotee of the Church, had to give my opinion After careful study of the local situation and considerable thought, I expressed my opinion in favour of the Cinema House It was more than a year ago that I did this and I thought that the matter was ended there To my surprise, what I find is that, while the foundations are being laid for the building, some tumult is being heard from the Church A sort of prejudice is being rared against me by foreign Missioneries, whose sole aim is the exploitation of unsophisticated and credelous mass of Indian Christains Although the matter involved is more of secular nature and has not even a tinge of religion about it and what I expressed is only my personal views, it is rather strange that the same has been taken as a subject for a Church Meeting, where such controversies are expressely prohibited by our Lord!

I hear some serious allegations of personal nature have been made against me in the quarterly Meeting held on 20—6—47 in the Wesley Guild Hall The charges against me, though cannot stand the challenge, are such, that they are born of sinister motives If my accusers feel that they have a case against me, let them please leave the Church pulpit, which is meant for a

sacred purpose, and come to a public platform and establish their charges against me Then all praise to them What purpose will it serve, if they stir the credulous mind against a consumated rock of wisdom ? So far as I am sincere, I bewilder not for a wild sermon of the burning fire All the same I owe an explanation to my brother Cristians When I consented for the Cinema house building near our Churh, I had in my mind the sacred Church and the devoted Church goers The Church building, situated as it is, at a considerable distance, is enclosed with a compound on all sides and the services held in the Cherch will, in no way be affected by the voice emanating from the Talkie Nor will there be any contact between the Church goers and cinema visitors The sanctity and serenity of the Church-to safeguard which, I am prepared to lay down my life—are not meddled with I would never tolerate the least disterbance to the Church from any quarter much less from the neighbourers Even now, I hold that the service in the Church should continue without the least disturbance from outside Let every Christian brother understand that, I, a servant of humanity, would never give my consent, if I feel that my act will affect prejudicially to any community, as I consider that such an act is sinful Therefore I repeat again that, when I lent my support for Cinema House in the Thamboo Chetty road , I acted on the simple policy of " Live and Let live " Is it sacriligious ? When there is no objection for the existence of a Talkie within a few yards away, there should be no objection, too, for the proposed Talkie also What is the idea of bringing my action before a religious gathering and condemning before it ? The answer is not far to seek The incessant efforts of mine for the last several years in exposing the hollowness of the foreign Missionery activities in our sacred Mother land are yielding fruits, as the Indian Christian mass, who are held in bondage from cradle to the grave, are opening their eyes and are trying to liberate themselves from the voluntary servitude, into which they were led under the cloak of gospel and God My sincere efforts to be a good Christian and make others also to be true followers of Lord Christ, are being mis interpreted to the blind followers in a distorted manner thus creating dissensions among ourselves, so that their grip on us may be firmly established When they could not face the situation openly and squarely, meeting facts with facts, they have commenced this game of vilification of sincere followers of Sacred Gospel to gain their own ends Devil also quotes Bible !

Now that the Municipal authorities have granted permit for the construction of the building and the work is going on in full swing shows that the concerned authorities have taken into consideration all factors involved in this matter before they issued the license, as they are also responsible for maintaining the rights of the citizens None of us who had no objection for the Cinema in the place in question have no voice in the Municipal administra tion, and the case will have been decided on its merits The Church authorities had the fullest opportunity to express their views in the matter, just as we did, and they would have prevented the same, by their timely action Having kept quite for more then twelve months and when the construction is going on, they are raising their noices Are their grievences genuine ? Is not a similar cinema

house situated in the immediate vicinity of a place of worship in this City ? Is not the New Opera Talkies obstructing the prayers held in the mosque, although it is next to its compound ? Near the very next door of this Church there is another Talkie and none is grumbling All these go to show that the Church authorities have some thing else in their minds, when they have taken such an hostile attitude not only against me and my sympathisers but also against the Proprietor of the New Cinema House It is even possible to presume that the rivalry between the Cinema owners may have a hand in such a nuisance to the public life in the City

Lastly, coming to the point for which this pamplet is brought out, Rev F Hill in a recent Quarterly Meeting held in the Wesly Guild Hall is stated to have said that " The Government have taken into consideration the opinions expressed by men who have never visited the Church for the last fifteen years, whose words have no value and who have no weight in this Church " and ' those that gave their opinions in favour of the Cinema, have done so, in consideration of some sort of gratification " I would have ignored all these as Phantasy, had I not heard the same from a person, whose integrity is beyond doubt Now, I take up the challenge and throw a counter challenge openly to the Reverend to meet me with his replies to the following —

1 Although I am visiting the Church rarely for reasons well know to the Reverend , I admit for argument's sake that I have not visited the Church all these years What action has he taken to ascertain as to why I am not visiting the Church ? Did not the Good Shephered went after the lost sheep to find it and console it ?

2 Merely because I am not visiting the Church—as the Church administration is found to be unchristian I desisted from regular visits until it changed itself to the Christian way of thought and deeds—have I forfeited my right to speak on behalf of the Chureh ?

3 Is it not irreligion to say that a person of my position and way of thinking has no weight in what I have said ? Perhaps, my weight may not compare favourably with the weight of the Reverend, as I have not developed muscular body as I have taken particular interest in developing the spiritual Body, which is sure to outweigh that of the Reverend Did not weighty words come out from the bony body of our Lord to carry it to the four corners of the World but never to spoil before the pigs ?

4 Simple expression of views are regarded as the actions of Judas Whom have we betrayed ? Is it the Church ? Is it the Gospel ? or have we betrayed ourselves ? Can we not express our honest opinion ? We are prepared to go to the gallows, following the precept of our Lord but on one condition and that is, the judgement should be from an impartial Tribunal and never do we submit to the judjments of Pilats (Like Rev F Hill and his following)

5 What we expressed regarding the Cinema house is purely a matter relating to secular interest and has nothing to do with the religion or that Church This matter has been taken up as religious topic and much poison has been poured into the minds of the innocent mass of Christian hearers and that behind our back For what purpose ? Are we unapproachables ? Why did he not send for us to speak before the gathering ? Why did he speak ill of us, without obtaining an explanation from us ? is the Reverend still prepared to defend himself before the alter of Truth ? is it the weight of the man or his wisdom that is to be considered ? It is futile to incite an innocent mass against sincere Truth—seekers as the mass are sure to change hands after a lapse of time

To conclude, let me issue a word of caution to these foreign Missioneries in mutual interest In the name of Religion, Holy Father and Christ, I would appeal to you to keep off your hands from the field of religion—even as the Britishers are keeping away from this sacred land Our Lord Jesus Christ—ordained you to carry his words to the four corners of the World to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, but what are you doing ? Are you propagating the sacred Gospel or are you intensifying slavery among the people of this land ? Are we to be dumb—Driven cattle led by the nose by the hirelings of foreign missions or have we a right of approach to our Lord in the way we think best ? Years of your preaching and teachings have not produced one good Francis of Assiai in this Land of our fore fathers, while we see hundreds of " Piod pipers of Hemlin " in every street, singing his masters voice but in a distorted tune At a time, when our land is being liberated politically, let my brothers Christians be freed from the bondage of foreign element in religious field also Let the Church and Church goesrs be freed from the iron rings of the Imperialist Policy of Divide & Rule and let them be delivered from the evil influence which is keeping them in the lowest rung of the ladder of progress Let not the Rev F Hill, use this opportunity to gain his own ends for he is sure to return empty handed at the end of the journey, as either my friends or myself had no personal or communal interest in the Cinema house and what we did is only an expression of our views, automatically given in the usual coures of events Let this controversy be an eye opener to all my brother Christians, as dissensions amongst us is the main stay of these Foreigners

No 383, 100 Feet road,
Chamarajamohalla, Mysore
26—6—1947

J SWAMIDAS
Journalist & Social Worker

Co-onation Press Mysore

IN DEFENCE OF TRUTH

A VOICE IN THE CHURCH IS A NOICE IN THE WILDERNESS [Part 2]

The construction of a Talkie House in the ' Sir Thamboo Chetty Road, Mysore, had given rise to some opposition by my Christian brothern led by Rev F Hill, as they thought that this kind of a Cinema theatre will be a source of menace to the peacful conduct of their worship in the Church Their apprehensions were proved groundless as show in my previous pamphlet That a religious congregation within the compound of the Church will never be interfered with by the Cinem goers has also been established by camparing the relative situations of the Church and the would be Cinema house Some arguments of a purely religious nature arising out of the local controversy, involving my relationship with the Church have also been suitably replied to But some other considerations on the subject which were left out then, have now been put before the public

The public and the parties concerned in this affair, will have to consider, the possible effects of the rising of a Cinema house in the vicinity of a place of worship, where only one particular community will meet It is but natural for a particular group of people assembling for religious and devotional purposes in a place to apprehend some kind of disturbance or other, if a group of others happen to assemble in the neighbourhood for sightseeing But the fears entertain edby the Church authorities are unfounded and born of suspicion The Church gate is far remote from the place and their will be hardly any concern between the two sets There is also another point for consideration The Church in question is a Protestant Methodist Mission Church where services are conducted for a couple of hourse in the day of a week (Sunday Services will be conducted between 8-9 A M in the mornings and 6 7 P M in the evenings and all other meetings will be held in separate building quite far from this) and there will be hardly any engagement except for special occassions If it is a question of a Catholic Church, where, one kind or other engagement is of religious nature, the matter would have been different Even in that case, the same argument holds good, as there will be hardly any room for physical contact of the two sets of people

Even from the point of view of civil rights and the safeguard on the possible encroachments on one another, there is no possibility for opposition in so far as the guardians of Law and Order will have taken into consideration all matters involved in this affair The authorities, responsible for maintaining Peace and Tranquility of this City and the City Fathers and the Engineering and Architectural experts who are entrusted with the task of the improvement would have come to definite conclusion, of course, on through investigation and enquiry So there will be no room for such a contingency, as now put up by a section of Church people led by certain vested interests. The building of the cinema in the place noted above will never cause dissensions among the inhabitants of this capital City, but on the other hand it will be an additional beauty spot for the City public

A word to the Christian leaders Those who are interested may pause a while before they dissipate their energies in useless agitations, as none will be benifitted, in such controvercies Are the so called leaders aware that the Churches their control and administration are in the hands of the foreign Missions, whose lip sympathy has made us veritable slaves, right from the cradle up to the grave yard and whose way of worship and other religious functions have made us victims What attempts have they (the so called leaders) made to liberate themselves from the bondage of foreign elements, in the religious thought ? Have they any right in the ownership of the Church in our land ? Have they any voice in the conduct of religious functions, independent of foreign elements ? Why did they not try to liberate taemselves, so that their future generations may reap the fruits of their labour ? So, they would do well to concentrate their attention on such useful and beneficial acts which would deliver us from the unseen shackless of foreign Missions and lead us to the desired goal of personal social and religious independence, which is the be all and end all of all

To conclude the matte the agitation of the Church people is very flimsy and is dealt in a selfish manner, with a view to gain personal ends I am one of those who would never tolerate encroachments on any kind of personal liber ties and much less do I allow sacrificing of the liberty of any community? When I took up this subject, as it came to my hands, I thought that it would never affect any one adversely Even now I hold the same view I am not a man to impute motives to others Let the Church authorities, Church-goers and other Christian brothern as well as public understand that I, as a Social worker had to express what I felt without fear or favour and in doing so if I have given roo n for any misunderstandings within the Church, I would invite the attention of those interested to my declaration that fearlessly would I say what I think best and *undauntedly* persue the path of truth As against this statement of truth, If Rev Hill and his followers are not convinced about my attitude towards the sacred Churches and also my faith in them, and if they fail to realise my position, as a true Christian and a Social worker, they will have to witness – at not a distant date – that the voice of the meek and faithful, will be heard in the Church while the noices of the pretenders will go to the wilderness

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59.	A George Samuel	20	do
60.	P Saramma	50.	Clerk Mission Press School Mistress

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To

The President City Municipal Council
Mysore

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 11-11-46 received from Mr A M Patel, Proprietor, Ramajit Talkies, Mysore, requesting permission for the construction of a Cinema House at the site mentioned therein on the Mysore Nilgiri Road, and to request that the connected papers may be returned

A.M.Patel
c/o
Select Pictures Circuit

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Please put up references 21/1/47 Rev Secy

Date 24/1/47 ANDHI NAGAR BANGALORE CITY
No 945

January 17, 1947.

Dewan Bahadur Dr T.C.M.Poyan, M.D ,
Minister for Education and Public Health,
Government of Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E.

SECRETARIAT 31 JAN 1947 GEN & L.W. 6020 S G

Respected Sir,

Ref The proposed construction of a Cinema House at Sir Thumboo Chetty Road (Old Mysore Nilgris Road), Mysore

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I beg to place the following few lines for your kind consideration and favourable orders

I am the Lessee of Ranjit Talkies, Mysore Taking advantage of the removal of Rent control from the places of Entertainment the Land-lord has instituted a case against me for ejection, and when the Court orders for vacating the premises, I will be entirely thrown out of cinema business at Mysore, besides I will be put to great loss

I therefore purchased the above site for the construction of a Cinema House to suit modern conditions with all modern amenities for the public, which will be sound proof and self compact The Municipal and other licensing authorities are agreeable to grant permission for this proposed construction of a Cinema House However due to objection raised few weeks back, the permission was deferred

I beg to enclose herein the mass application in original signed by both the Churches' members for your kind reference (a typed copy is also sent herein giving their profession and address) and you will kindly observe from the same that they have no objection whatsoever for the construction of a Cinema House at the above site

Under the circumstances, I beg to request your goodself to reconsider the matter and pass favourable orders permitting the construction of the Cinema House at the above site, which will enable me to carry on my business at Mysore peacefully, and I shall ever remain grateful to you

Hoping to be excused for the trouble and thanking you in the meanwhile,

Yours obediently,
A M Patel
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MYSORE 11th Feb 46

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Sirs,

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am directed to request that the
Court called for therein, may be
kindly transmitted to Govt. immediately
as the question is pending disposal
since Nov 1946 and has to be brought
to disposal without further delay

Thanking you

Yours

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To

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Date of issue 14/3/47

Signed by M G K Rao

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for the Church Committee,
Chaplaincy of Mysore, with Mercara,
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have no objection to the site in question
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Cinema building. In view of this
fact, the orders conveyed in this
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Theatre, subject to the
condition that the building to
be erected should be sound proof
on modern lines

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D. Rev Chaplain Mysore
Memo L 125 22-3 13/3/47
Copy of the above is forwarded for
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Mysore D.O. for information
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from
D. Rev Chaplain Mysore

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No L. 12521/Rev 110-46-12 *Dated Bangalore,* 14/3/47

FROM

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Revenue Department.

To

The President,
City Municipal Council, Mysore.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No.L.11274 dated 15th February 1947 in reply to the grant of permission [illegible], Hotel, Proprietor, Ranjit Talkies, Hyderabad, to construct a cinema [illegible] and also to waive the collection of fire service charges, Hyderabad - Rs.11 [illegible], I am directed to state that the Secretary to the Corporation of the City of Mysore with [illegible], Mysore, has represented that the corporation has no objection to the plans in question but need for the construction of a fireproof building. In view of this fact, the orders conveyed in this behalf in this office letter No...0100 dated 11-2-1943 will stand revised and [illegible] may be permitted to erect a suitable for the construction of a cinema theatre, subject to the condition that the building to be erected shall be steel proof or fireproof.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. C. Ramachandra Rao,

for Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

No.L/12522-3 Dated, 14 March 1947.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments, to the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Hyderabad District and Government Architect for information.

By Order,

for Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

L. 13104
27/3/67

Endorsement granted to
Dr A M Patel
Purchaser, Select Picture Cinema
Gandhinagar Bangalore City

With reference to the correspondence
ending with his letter dated 14-11-1966, addressed
to the Minister for Education and P.H., Dr. A.M.
Patel has, in modification of the previous orders,
informed that necessary instructions have
been issued to the President, City Municipal Council
Mysore, to permit him to use the Site between
Pallavi and Ritz Hotel, on the Mysore Nilgiri
Road, Mysore, for the construction of a Cinema
House, subject to the condition that the
building should be planned proper on
modern lines

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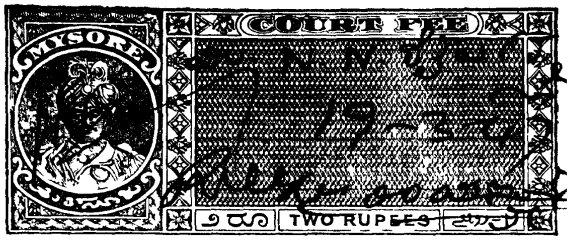
p.o
[illegible]
17/3/67
for Revenue,

Memo no 2 13105-

dated 27/3/47

Copy sent to the President Otk-Municipal Co
Mysore, for information

Yours
[illegible]



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To

The Dewan Saheb of Mysore, BANGALORE

The Humble Petition of [illegible] Writer, Proprietor, The Ritz Hotel, Thambu Chetty Road, Mysore

Most respectfully showeth

1 That your humble petitioner has been engaged in his business of running the Ritz Hotel in its present premises for over ten year The Hotel is run on European lines and has attracted a large - clientele on account of its situation, equipment, fittings besides the excellent service offerred The premises here particularly selected on account of its quiet situation, while it is also close the heart of the City

2 That to the South of the Hotel premises lies a plot of land of odd shape about eighty feet wide along the main road There was originally a very old structure on it which collapsed several years ago It has been a vacant site since prior to the petitioner's occupation of his Hotel premises The site is not suitable for an building of large dimensions

3 That it is now learnt that some persons are arranging to raise a Talkie House on the said site and that the preliminary work is already on hand

4 That your humble petitioner begs to strongly protest against such use of the site being permitted by the authorities A theatre put up there would come within a few foot of the Hotel premises, and a Talkie House therein would mean very great continous noise till very late in the night every day which will be the source of the greatest nuisance to every resident of the locality and the persons

who come to stay in the Hotel It would therefore ruin your humble petitioner's business which has established itself there for over a decade and earned a great goodwill

5 That in any event, the plot of land itself is most unsuited to the purpose of building a Talkie House It is not large enough, it has an odd shape and it is immediately to the East of the Jain Boarding Hostel and the Jain Temple Above all, about fifty yards away, there already exists a Talkie House - The Panjit Talkies The Royal Opera House again, is just a little removed from the spot A third Talkie House in the same place and almost adjoining the existing ones is entirely un-called for and should be sufficient reason to refuse to permit the building of a Talkie House therein Mysore City loses for its gardens and quiet life should not have so much congestion and noise consequent on locating a number of Talkie - Houses in the same vicinity

6 That an inspection of the plot and its relative situation will convince any one of the un-desirability and un-suitability of the proposal to erect a theatre there

Wherefore your humble petitioner prays that the land may be inspected and the necessary orders passed to prevent the erection of a theatre there and save the petitioner's business from ruin and the residents of the locality from the utter congestion and nuisance resulting therefrom

M S Venkata Rao

MYSORE 'Petitioner

Dated 16th March 1947

I believe Mr Richardson has come down to Bangalore to attend a meeting. Please ask him to see me on this matter FH 25/4/47

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LAKSHMIVILAS ROAD
MYSORE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MYSORE
Date 26.4.47
No 1314

Dated Bangalore April 1947

FROM REV F E HILL B A
[redacted]
Superintendent
Methodist Mission, Mysore

To The Dewan of Mysore
Govt of H H The Maharajah of Mysore
Bangalore City

Sir

Rev Hill

Some time ago I received a petition signed by a no of Parishioners belonging to this Church stating that they had no objection to a licence being granted for the construction of a cinema in the place of the present one but that they objected to the location of the proposed cinema as it is near the church and would cause disturbance during worship. It is not after the receipt of this petition that I received the original order granted for the construction of a cinema in the locality mentioned by the petitioners. I am sure that Mr Hill would be supported by the Bishop of this area in this matter. Mr Richardson has come to Bangalore today and I am sending this letter to him to see you personally. FH 25/4/47 Rev Hill

I have the honour to submit for your kind consideration and favourable orders, the following facts in regard to the construction of a cinema theatre on the Thurboo Chetty Road, Mysore City, (immediately opposite to the Methodist Church) for which a licence has been granted by His Highness' Government.

When this address was first mooted in Feb. 1946, a protest signed by the proper authorities of the Methodist Church was submitted on 4.2.46 to the Minister for Education and Public Health. In this it was pointed out that it was most undesirable that a cinema should be constructed in such close proximity to any place of worship.

On behalf of the worshippers in the Methodist Church in Mysore permit me to remind you of some of the reasons for our protest. The new cinema will be constructed not more than 30 yards from the gate of our Church. However much attention is paid to the sound proofing of the actual theatre this cannot deliver us from the increased noise of the considerable volume of traffic, which must inevitably pass in front of our church doors. There is certain to be a large number of pedestrians with the resultant noisy conversations. There will be a number of people coming to the cinema in tongas, and consequently the tonga drivers will raise their voices to clear a way through the crowds. People arriving in motor cars will of necessity have to use their horns almost continuously in order to warn pedestrians out of their way. There will also be the usual cries of street vendors who congregate outside all cinemas. There will be the further fear that irresponsible persons will jump over the wall into our church compound and commit nuisance there on leaving the cinema at night.

These are the points that have influenced us in making our protest, and we have every reason to fear that our worship will be interfered with very seriously. It could be that the Government of His Highness took a similar view of the situation in 1936, when they informed us through the Secretary of the Government, Revenue Department in a letter No L/ 8390 dated 7th Feb 1946 "that necessary instructions have been issued to the President City Municipal Council, Mysore, not to grant any licence for the construction of a cinema in this locality."

In spite of this order we to our regret that the application of the Christian Minority community has been set aside and that a licence has been granted. We cannot see what change there has been in the situation to justify this action. It has been told that certain unauthorised persons belonging to the Methodist Church have given a letter to the applicant for the licence stating that they have no objections to a cinema being constructed. Such people have no official position and have no right to speak on behalf of the church. Any such letter could only have value if it were signed by the majority of our church members, or by the the church body competent to deal with the affairs of the church.

REV J BHAKTISIROMANI
SUPERINTENDENT
METHODIST CHURCH

KARUNAPURA
MYSORE CITY

Date 21 3 1947.

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REVENUE SECRETARY

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To Diwan Bahadur Dr T C M Rajan M.D.
Diwan in Charge
Sir,

I enclose herewith a Copy of my letter sent to the President of the City Municipal Council, Mysore, for your information and also for kind and favourable Consideration

The Christians connected with the Church in question have given their consent. I have the honour to be in writing & so I have drafted it. Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J Bhaktisiromani

CHIEF SECRETARY

For disposal
Dy Secy
22/3/47

VANI VILAS ROAD
MYSORE

Dated

FROM REV F E HILL B A
[redacted]
Superintendent
Methodist Mission, Mysore

To

~~Sir~~

Further apart from our religious scruples altogether we fail to see how the building of this cinema can be justified on any grounds. We understand that yet a third application for the building of a cinema on the site now occupied by Pallonjee's Garage has been submitted . This will mean three cinemas within a furlong of our church and adjacent to one another.. Even if the third license be not granted we submit that the erection of a second Cinema in this locality cannot be justified. Within half a mile of Thumboo Chetty Road there are now 5 cinemas in operation, and a sixth is to be opened shortly in Gandhi Square. It cannot be said that the population of this locality is not adequately catered for in regard to this type of amusement, especially as most of these cinemas are seldom if ever filled to capacity. It seems to many good citizens of Mysore that this unwarranted multiplication of cinemas is not for the good of the City's fair name and reputation. And we think you will admit that there is something not a little ridiculous in the sight of three cinemas cheek by jowl on the main Bangalore Nilgiri Road. Purely from the point of view of the ordinary citizen of Mysore, the grantin of this license is bad town planning, bad economics, and bad morally.

We have therefore the honour to urge you to take the whole matter into your personal consideration, and for the sake of the Christian Community whose claim to carry out their worship in peace and quietness is a treasured heritage, and also for the sake of the good reputation of this locality , see that the existing order is cancelled and that in future no license be granted in this are for the building of a cinema or theatre of any kind.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
On behalf of the Methodist Missionary Society
Your most obedient servant,
Frederick E Hill

Superintendent. Methodist Mission.
Mysore City and Dt.

Copy forwarded with compliments to Diwan Bahadur T C M Rajamani B
Minister for Education & Public Health
Bangalore

To

Rev T H Hall B A

Superintendent-

Methodist Mission - Mysore

S.V.I

L. 1565 2/d 7/5/47

In reply to your letter dated 23-4-1947 addressed to the Munsiff for Edu[cation] & H in regard to the construction of a Cinema theatre on the Thumboo Chetty Road - Mysore city - I am directed to inform you that it was only on receipt of a petition signed by a number of ~~house~~ shoners belonging to this ~~town~~ church stating that they had no objection to a license being granted for the construction of a Cinema in this place, that were pleased to revise their original order and granted permission for the construction of a Cinema theatre there

Yours obedt
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L 1565 2/d. 7/5/47 from
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THE METHODIST CHURCH IN INDIA

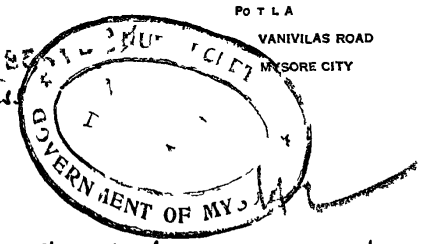
MYSORE AND CHAMRAJNAGAR CIRCUITS

7th May 1947

REV F E HILL
SUPERINTENDENT

P O T L A
VANIVILAS ROAD
MYSORE CITY

To The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
The Maharajah of Mysore



Sir

I am in receipt of your letter N 15652 dated 7th May 1947, and have the honour to request you to be good enough to inform me whether the petition signed by a number of shareholders emanated from the Wesley Church or St Bartholomews Church As you are doubtless aware there are two churches in this locality, and my protest is entirely concerned with the building of a Cinema immediately opposite the Wesley Church Further I am very much surprised that the government should take action on the petition of a number of unauthorised & irresponsible persons, in view of the fact that they had on their file a strong protest from the accredited representatives of the Church The whole business fills me with the gravest distrust & suspicion, since I myself was offered a "present of Rs 5000 if I would withdraw my protest I can assure you that the only persons who have any right to withdraw the official protest are the elected representatives of the Methodist Church in Mysore City Why the government should take action in this way, on the words of some unknown petitioners

some of whose have neither the interests of their religion nor the good of same of
Aldgate City, at heart is altogether beyond my comprehension I assure you that
the Methodist Church as a body cannot be content with this decision, and we
shall not hesitate to ask for an interview with the Highness & lay the whole
matter before him With all due respect I wish to state as strongly as possible
that the action of Government in reversing their decision without reference to
the original signatories of the protest against the construction of this cinema
is unjustifiable If the petition has come from the Anglican Church known as
St Bartholomews, then I submit that it is utterly irrelevant as this church
is a much greater distance from the site of the Cinema & cannot suffer much
inconvenience The Wesley Church which I represent is just across the road
from the proposed site, and for the reasons already stated will suffer much, by
the erection of this new cinema I trust that now the Highness Government
will be pleased to take action & see that the rights of a loyal minority community
are not disregarded

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

Fredk E Dell

No 91 376/46

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
MYSORE DISTRICT,
Mysore, dated the 12th May 47

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FROM

G N NAGARAJA RAO, Esq , M Sc ,
Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate,
Mysore District

TO

H N PALLEGAR, Esq , M A , LL B.,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, Bangalore

Sub construction of a cenema House in Sir Thamboo Chetty Road by Mr. A M Patel

I have the honour to forward herewith the letter dated 9th May 1947 received from Rev F E Hill, Superintendent, The Methodist Church in India, Mysore and Chamarajanagar circuits, Mysore protesting against the grant of a license to Mr A M Patel, proprietor of Rangit Talkies, Mysore for the construction of a Canema House in Sir Thamboo Chetty Road, Mysore for kind information A licese has been granted to construct a cinema house in the said road next to Ritz Hotel in accordance with your letter No L 12521/ML 110-46-12 dated 14-3-1947 - - addressed to the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore and a copy sent to me for information

I have the honour to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd Suryanarayana Rao
for DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
MYSORE DISTRICT

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Office of the District Magistrate,
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THE METHODIST CHURCH IN INDIA
MYSORE AND CHAMRAJNAGAR CIRCUITS

9th day 1947

REV F E HILL
SUPERINTENDENT

POST ADDRESS
VANIVILAS ROAD
MYSORE CITY

The Deputy Commissioner
Mysore St

Dear Sir

With reference to your L 376/46-47 dated 5th day 1947 re the construction of a Cinema Theatre on Sir Thambu Chetty Road, Mysore I desire to point out that the Secretary for the Church Committee Chapel area of Mysore Ellercara, whoever he may be has no authority to speak for the congregation of the Methodist Church at Wesley Chapel which is immediately opposite the proposed new cinema The erection of this new Cinema will affect the Wesley Church far more than it will affect St Bartholomews church the Secretary of which is reported to have sent a letter stating that there are no objections I cannot understand why such a letter should have influenced government to the extent it has done The erection of a cinema on the above mentioned site can affect St Bartholomews Anglican church very little, where as it affects Wesley Chapel Methodist church very closely That this license should be granted without any further reference to the very large Indian Christian Community belonging to the

the Methodist Church in Mysore seems to me very unjust St Bartholomews congregation is very small, & consists largely of people who do not understand Kannarese & are therefore not true citizens of Mysore I therefore request you to give this matter your attention once more, and prevent a grave injustice being done to our community as I have said before there is no justification for the erection of this church as Mysore is already amply catered for in this respect

Yours sincerely

Bredle E Hill

Office of the District Magistrate,
Mysore District, Dated the 13th May 47

From

G.N Nagaraja Rao,Esq. M.Sc ,
District Magistrate, Mysore District,
MYSORE

To

H.N Pallegar Esq. M A ,LL B ,
Secretary to Government,Revenue Department,,
BANGALORE

Sir,

Construction of a Cinema Theatre in Sir Thamboo Chetty Street Mysore by Mr E.P. Pollenjee

I have the honour to forward herewith for kind consideration the letter of Mr E.P.Pollenjee Dated the 5th May 1947 on the above subject and to state that the grant of a license to Mr Pollenjee was dropped previously along with that ~~of the application~~ of Mr. A.M.Patel as per G.O.NO. L 8390 Dated the 20th Feb 1946 Mr Pollenjee has again renewed his request on the ground that Mr Patel has been granted a license to construct a cinema theatre next to his site in Sir Thambu Chetty Street

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate,
Mysore District

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The District Magistrate and
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore.

Sir,

Ref E P Pallonjee's License application to Build a Cinema Theatre

The above application is pending in office for a long time. Dr Patel who applied after I did is now informed that has already begun construction of his theatre. Now I am in between two theatres, (Hall's Cinema on the other side). I request you to please consider this application fire and issue the necessary license please for the also at as early as possible and oblige

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours obediently,

E P Pallonjee

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(*Continuation sheet draft form*)

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To The President City Municipal Council Mysore

Subj Construction of a cinema theatre at the Sir Thumboo Chetty Road - Mysore city by Mr A M Patel

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with this office memo no L 15652 dated 7-5-1947 on the above subject, I am directed to state that the construction of the above cinema house may be ~~stopped~~ stayed immediately, pending the inspection of the place by the Minister for Education and public Health during his visit to Mysore city, early in July 1947

Yours faithfully

for Secretary

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REV J BHAKTISIROMANI
SUPERINTENDENT
METHODIST CHURCH

A stay order has been issued I think Put up the papers with the Comm Secy file

ARUNAPURA
MYSORE CITY

1 JULY 1947
Date June 23 —194

To Dewan Bahadur
Dr T C M Royan, M.D.,
Minister for Education & Public Health,
Public Offices,
Bangalore

30/6/47

Rev Secy

30/6.

Out withdrawn

Sir,

With reference to our conversation with you in Bangalore on 23rd June 1947, I have the honour to submit herewith a petition signed by 434 members of the Methodist Church in Mysore expressing their objection to the building of a cinema in front of the Wesley Church in Mysore City Many of the these signatures are the heads of large families and represent a total membership of over 1000 people In view of this strong protest we hope that His Highness's Government will be pleased to maintain their original order given in 1946 that no cinemas should be erected in this area

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J Bhaktisiromani

REV J BHAKTISIROMANI
SUPERINTENDENT
METHODIST CHURCH

KARUNAPURA
MYSORE CITY

Date June 28 1947

To
Dewan Bahadur Dr T C.M Royan, M D ,
Minister for Education and Public Health,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your kind notice that I fully endorse the petition submitted to you by the Rev. F. E Hill, Methodist Mission, Mysore City on behalf of the Methodist Church, regarding the construction of a cinema theatre on the Thumboo Chetty Road, Mysore City I beg to lay emphasis on the following points -

(1) The road running in front of the Wesley Church is already crowded and it will be worse if traffic is increased owing to several shows in the new picture house

(2) There is the risk of irresponsible persons jumping over the low iron railings into our Church compound and commit nuisance there

3) The religious sentiment of our Christians is opposed to a cinema coming closer to a place of Divine Worship As a Minister of the Church, I express their sentiments.

Further elucidation of the above few points can be kindly seen in Mr Hill's petition

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J Bhaktisiromani
On behalf of the Methodist Church in Mysore City

	S B Caleb.	36	S.P Chidanandi
	S. Ebenezer	37	T J. Kantha Raju
	J Jesse Ratna Peter	38	[illegible]
4	[illegible]	39	J. L Williams
5	J. Paul Thomas Abijah	40	[illegible]
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7	R Dasappa	42	P Swananda Caleb
8	[illegible]	43	P Bhakti Simmans
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10	[illegible]	45	David V Sadhu
11	Wilkins PT	46	R Christopher Balachandra
12	[illegible]	47	G J Sampath Kumar
13	B. Shivappa	48	G Abraham
14	[illegible]	49	Jacob Caleb
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22	S A Dasan	57	W Chandra Jayappa
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31	A Putta Chinniah	66	[illegible]
32	Cornelius	67	[illegible]
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35	A S Caleb	70	M G Prasad

11	D. Elsaggi
72	Rathnavalliamma
73	mary poppen
74	A Thulasi Bai
75	D. Kamalakshamma
76	J. Bhagyamma
77	S. Preethamma
78	P. Varunthiamma
79	Miss Bhakthavatsalam
80	A. Sarojamma

1 Mrs Marthamma Aruldasan
32 Mrs Hemavathy
33 M.S Punnoose Ram
34 P Kupamma
35 S Samadanamma
36 Miss Shanta Punnoose Ram
37 Rathnaraj
38 P Bansal Chandrasekar
39 P Jayamma
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11 M Vimala Vara Kumari
12 N Kavala Baulananda Kumar
13 Mrs Pushpam George
14 Mrs S Rajappa
15 R Thanaraj,
16 S C Paul
17 R Rajupillai
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50 Lalitha Sahadevan
51 Calhine Rathne
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105 Godfred
106 Sarah Pasco
107 [illegible]
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123 Y vasanthasekumar
124 [illegible]
125 Esther Caleb

126 miss G Isaiah (Compounder)
127 Miss S George
128 mrs Florence Williams
129 Sosamma Mathews
130 " n mary Indiana
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132 B V Esther.
133 A David circuit.
134 Circuit methodist lit church
135 Bhushan Grand Stewart
Methodist Church
136
137 Kamala caleb
138 Sabitha Lamech
139 D Salomamma
140 J Anandamma
141 Samuel Lamech
Retired minister
142 Chintamani Caleb,
(Retired Evangelist)
143 Grace Vathsala Savithri
144 Manorama Christopher
145 R Daniel BSc BT
146 A Devendra Raj
147 A J Elizabeth
148 K Pushparaj
149 S Neelakantayya
150 Christmal Vitaly.
151 V Sumitramma
152 V Charles.
153 D. Mark
154 M Bhagyamma
155 D ಜಯಮ್ಮ
156 L D David
157 Swochana Victor
158 G D. Ambramma
159 Hannamma
160 Helen Victoria
161 [illegible]
162 [illegible]
163 D Sunandamma Guruputra.
164 Dr (mrs) Bhagyamma Samuel
165 G Solomon, Local Preacher
166 and Poor Steward Methodist
167 Church, Khypoor
168 Rama Bai Solomon BA
169 Paul Ramaraju
170 Leelavathy Soans.
171 A Sunandaraj
172 A. G [illegible]
173 Jathyaraj
174 [illegible]
175 G N Kantharaj BSc, BT,
176 [illegible]
177 G Mabel Rose BA
178 G Leelavathi Asirvadam BA, BT
179 G Pushpa
180 G Premadas
181 B Suvarnamma
182 S Elsamma Darling
183 B SundaraRaju
184 B Jayaraju
185 B Ravathi
186 Lalitha Jonathan Sadhu
187 S. Devakumari
188 S Mokshananda
189 [illegible]
190 Elizabeth Satyavathi
191 [illegible]
192 Olive N Hill MBBS
193 H Baker
194 E M Thomas
195 D. Jacqueline MBChB

196 Does.
197 Annamma.
198 Rachel Koyaboo
199 Alamma.
200 Manikya
201 B. Shakuntala Devi
202 J Liza Watts
203 Kanthi Lazarus
204 S Selvamani
205 B Pugalanthy
206 M Koshy
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49 E Sadhu Sundar Raja
50 M Daud
51 S. Paul Ekumna
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53 C Samuel Devaputra
54 H V Ratna
55 S John Appaju
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58 E William Ernest
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262 M Satya Raju
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264 K S Ananda Murthy
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268 G Harsha Kumara
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270 James Abraham
271 T J James
272 Victor Joseph
273 H Y Bhanya
274 M Lawrence Samuel
275 S Samuel Gurupaththa
276 P Yesudas
277 D James Wilson
278 S Ananda Sundara
279 K. Chidananda
280 P Prabhu das
281 P Solomon Abel
282 S Putta Rao
283 K Ratna Kumara
284 D Sundra
285 S S Shanthappa
286 T J Babu Swamy
287 G S Satyanarayana das
288 S Daniel Satya veera
289 D Ananda murthy.
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306	Pulloamma	348	Mrs E. Sundaramma Raju
307	S Sheelamma	349	Florina Caleb
308	M Simon	350	Jaya Ratna Caleb
309	Gulaby	351	Amurthamma
310	M [illegible]	352	G Lily Grace
311	M. Joseph	353	D Sarojamma
312	S. Alexander	354	D. Kamala
313	Mrs S William	355	C. Emilyamma
314	Miss Violet Caleb	356	
315	Mrs C D Sathya Raj	357	
316	Miss Ruth Caleb	358	H. Alice Mary
317	Miss Helen Poremalathej	359	
318	P Shanthamma		
319	E. Beuleh	360	G Shantha
320	Mrs P Florence Lalitha	360	
321	Shiromani S	361	C James Wilson
322	G Manohara Caleb	361	D Sophiamma
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385 B Devadas.
386 D Sukeelamma
387 Helen Victoria
388 B G Prabhudas
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2/7/47 Rev Hill

From, J. Swamidas,
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1st July 1947.

To

Dewan Bahadurur T C M Aoyan, M D (Vienna)

Minister for Education & Public Health in Mysore,

Bangalore

Respected Sir,

I beg to erclose herewith a copy of a pamplet, being a reply to the propaganda that is going on in the City regarding the construction of a cinema house and the protestant Christians, led by Rev. F.Hill, a foreign Missionery in this City They are not only carrying on an hostile propaganda againrst the authorities that granted the permit to the Cinema but also they are utilizing this opportunity to bring dissensions amongst Christians themselves, as they are declaring that their (Protestants) lot is now exposed to dargers on account of the predominence of Chatholic influence in this City.

Such a thing should be nipped in the bud I have brought to your kind notice in time hoping that proper notice will be taken in the matter

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

J Swamidas

Encl - one pamphlet

In Defence of Truth.

The construction of Picture house in "Thamboo Chetty" road and the Christians in Mysore.

The Proprietor of the "Manjit Talkies" who was ousted from the present premises, owing to certain disagreements between him and his land-lord, was desirous of constructing his own Talkie house in the Royal City and fortunately he was able to secure a plot of land within a few yards from his previous picture house in the same road. The site has got its own attractions. Before investing huge capital over the building to be built for purpose of running a Cinema , he had to study the local conditions, and the attitude of the neighbourers, as he could not think it a business proposition, if there is no local support and sympathy. Nor could he get the required license for constructing a "Talkie House" from the Municipal authorities, if they feel that such a public house, in such a place would strain the relationships of the several communities living in the surroundings. In an attempt to study and gather the public opinion in this regard, he desired the Church-goers to say whether they have any objection for raising a Cinema in the place noted above, as there is a Church in the same road, but situated at a distance and enclosed on all sides with a compound. A few devotees of this Church thought that there will be no trouble from the Cinema in the present place to the Church-goers and also there would be no obstacle to the conduct of prayer meetings in the Church. So, they had no objection for the construction of a "Talkie" in the place, where a building is now being constructed and they had reduced their opinions into writing which was brought to me for my opinion, as I was also a devotee of that Church.

This is exactly the situation, when I was called upon to express my views in the matter. I, as a Citizen of Mysore, a Social Worker and a devotee of the Church, had to give my opinion. After a careful study of the local situations and considerable thought, I expressed my opinion in favour of the cinema house. It was more than a year ago that I did this and I thought that

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that the matter was ended there. To my surprise, what I find is that, while the foundations are being laid for the building, some tumult is being heard from the Church. A sort of prejudice is being rared against me by foreign missioneries, whose sole aim is the exploitation of unsophisticated and credelous mass of Indian Christians. Although the matter involved is more of a secular nature and has not even a tinge of religion about it and what I expressed is only my personal views, it is rather strange that the same has been taken as a subject for a Church meeting, where such controversies are expressly prohibited by our Lord:

I hear some serious allegations of personal nature have been made against me in the quarterly Meeting held on 20.6.47 in the Wesley Guild Hall. The charges against me, though cannot stand the challenge, are such, that they are born of sinister motives. If my accusers feel that they have a case against me, let them please leave the Church pulpit, which is meant for a sacred purpose, and come to a public platform and establish their charges against me. Then all praise to them. What purpose will it serve, if they stir the credulous mind against a consumated rock of wisdom? So far as I am sincere, I bewilder not for a wild sermon of the burning fire. All the same, I owe an explanation to my brother Christians. When I consented for the cinema-house building near our Church, I had in my mind the sacred Church and the devoted Church-goers. The Church building, situated as it is, at a considerable distance, is enclosed with a compound on all sides and the services held in the Church will, in no way be affected by the voice emanating from the Talkie. Nor will there be any contact between the Church-goers and cinema visitors. The sanctity and serenity of the Church to safeguard which, I am prepared to lay down my life - are not meddled with. I would never tolerate the least disterbance to the Church from any quarter much less from the neighbourers. Even now, I hold that the services in the Church should continue without the lease disturbance from outside.

Let every Christian brother understand that, I, a servant of humanity, would never give my consent, if I feel that my act will affect prejudicially to any community, as I consider that such an act is sinful. Therefore, I repeat again that, when I lent my support for Cinema house in the "Thamboo-Chetty road", I acted on the simple policy of "Live and Let live". Is it sacrilligious? When there is no objection for the existence of a Talkie within a few yards away, there should be no objection, too, for the proposed Talkie also. What is the idea of bringing my action before a religious gathering and condemning before it? The answer is not far to seek. The incessant efforts of mine for the last several years in exposing the hollowness of the foreign missionery activities in our sacred mother-land are yielding fruits, as the Indian Christian mass, who are held in bondage from cradle to the grave, are opening their eyes and are trying to liberate themselves from the voluntary servitude, into which they were led under the cloak of gospel and God. My sincere efforts to be a good Christian and make others also to be true followers of Lord Christ, are being misinterpreted to the blind followers in a distorted manner thus creating dissensions among ourselves, so that their grip on us may be firmly established. When they could not face the situation openly and squarely, meeting facts with facts, they have commenced this game of vilification of sincere followers of Sacred Gospel to gain their own ends. Devil also quotes Bible.

Now that the Municipal authorities have granted permit for the construction of the building and the work is going on in full swing shows that the concerned authorities have taken into consideration all factors involved in this matter before they issued the license, as they are also responsible for maintaining the rights of the citizens. None of us who had no objection for the cinema in the place in question have no voice in the Municipal administration, and the case will have been decided on its merits. The Church authorities had the fullest opportunity to express their views in the matter, just as

as we did, and they would have prevented the same, by their timely action. Having kept quite for more than twelve months and when the corstruction is going on, they are raising their noices. Are their grievances genuine? Is not a similar cinema house situated in the immediate vicinity of a place of worship in this City ?/ Is not the New Opera Talkies ~~xxxxx~~ obstructing the prayers held in the mosque, although it is next to its compound ? Near the very next door of this Church there is another Talkie and none is grumbling. All these go to show that the Church authorities have some-thing else in their minds, when they have taken such an hostile attitude not only against me and my sympathisers but also against the Proprietor of the New Cinema House. It is even possible to presume that the rivalry between the cinema owners may have a hand in such nuisance to the public life in the City.

Lastly, coming to the point for which this pamphlet is brought out, Rev. F. hill in a recent Quarterly Meeting held in the Wesly Guild Hall is stated to have said that "the Government have taken irto corsiderations the opinions expressed by men, who have never visited the Church for the last fifteen years, whose words have no value and who have no weight in this Church" and " those that gave their opinions in favour of the cinema, have done so, in consideration of some sort of gratification". I would have ignored all these as Phantasy, had I not heard the same from a person, whose integrity is beyond doubt. Now, I take up the challenge and throw a counter challenge openly to the Reverend to meet me with his replies to the following -

i) Although I am visiting the Church rarely for reasons well known to the Reverend - I admit for argument's sake that I have not visited the Church all these years. What action has he taken to ascertain as to why I am not visiting the Church? Did not the Good Shepherd went after the lost sheep to find it and console it?

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the Church administration is found to be unchristian, I desisted from regular visits until it changed itself to the Christian way of thought and deeds - have I forfeited my right to speak on behalf of the Church?

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iv) Simple expression of views are regarded as the actions of Judas. Whom have we betrayed ? is it the Church ? Is it the Gospel ? or have we betrayed ourselves? Can we not express our honest opinions ? We are prepared to go to the gallows, following the precepts of our Lord but on one condition and that is, the judgment should be from an impartial Tribunal and never do we submit to the judgments of Pilats (Like Rev.S. Hill and his following).

v) What we expressed regarding the cinema house is purely a matter relating to secular interest and has nothing to do with the religion or the Church. This matter has been taken up as religious topic and much poison has been poured into the minds of the innocent mass of Christian hearers and that behind our back. For what purpose ? Are we unapproachables ? Why did he not send for us to speak before the gathering ? Why did he speak ill of us, without obtaining an explanation from us ? Is the Reverend still prepared to defend himself before the alter of Truth ? Is it

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it the weight of the man or his wisdom that is to be considered ? It is futile to incite an innocent mass against sincere Truth-seekers as the mass are sure to change hands after a lapse of time.

To conclude, let me issue a word of caution to these foreign Missioneries in mutual interest. In the name of Religion, Holy Father and Christ, I would appeal to you to keep off your hands from the field of religion - even as the Britishers are keeping away from this sacred land. Our Lord-Jesus Christ - ordained you to carry his word to the four corners of the World to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, but what are you doing ? Are you propagating the sacred Gospel or are you intensifying slavery among the people of this land? Are we to be dumb-driven cattle led by the nose by the hirelings of foreign missions or have we a right of approach to our Lord in the way we think best ? Years of your preaching and teachings have not produced one good Francis of Assisi in this Land of our fore-fathers, while we see hundreds of "Pied pipers of Hamlin" in every street, singing his masters voice but in a distorted tune. At a time, when our land is being liberated politically, let my brother Christians be freed from the bondage of foreign element in religious field also. Let the Church and Church-goers be freed from the iron-rings of the Imperialist Policy of Divide & Rule and let them be delivered from the evil influence which is keeping them in the lowest rung of the ladder of progress. Let not the Rev. F. Hill, use this opportunity to gain his own ends, for he is sure to return empty handed at the end of the journey, as either my friends or myself had no personal or communal interest in the cinema house and what we did is only an expression of our views, automatically given in the usual course of events. Let this controversy be an eye-opener to all my brother Christians, as dissensions amongst us is the main stay of these foreigners.

(sd) J. DAMODAS.

Church Devotee, Journalist and Social Worker.

No.383, 100 Feet road,
Chamarajamohalla, Mysore.

1st July 1947.

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7/11/47.

From,
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No 383, 100 ft road, Mysore.

To
Dewan Bahadur Dr P C M Royan, M D (Vienna),
Minister for Education and Public Health,
to the Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE

Honoured Sir,

In connection with the construction of a new Cinema house, in Thamboo Chetty road, Mysore and the opposition of a few protestant Christians belonging to the Wesley Church led by Rev F Hill, the head of that Institution, I beg leave to place the following into your kind consideration

It is stated that Rev F Hill is leading a deputation, consisting of his followers in the above Church, to you to have the License issued for construction of a Cinema house in the place noted above, cancelled, and it is also stated that you will be invited for meeting to be held in the Church or any other place very shortly In either case, I would request you kindly to keep the following in your view -

1) The concerned authorities who gave license will have taker into consideration all facts involved in the case, before they granted the license

2) The agitation of a few interested persons against the cinema house is unreasonable and one-sided and also mischievous

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picture houses in the City, and if the construction of present cinema house, which is going on in full swing is obstructed, such an action will give rise to similar complications in the City.

5) Before you would receive any such deputation in this regard or you would give your kind consent to be invited to a Meeting in a Church meeting, I would request you kindly to obtain from the parties, a list of their grievances in writing, before you would give your valuable advise in the matter

Should you be pleased to give your kind consent for a Meeting, I would request you, please to allow the views of all parties interested in the Church to be brought to your kind notice before you will come to a decision

Thanking you,

Yours most faithfully

J. Swamidas

Mysore

5th July'47

IN DEFENCE OF TRUTH

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IN DEFENCE OF TRUTH

The construction of Picture House in "Thamboo Chetty" road and the Christians in Mysore [Part 1]

The proprietor of the 'Ranjit Talkies' who was ousted from the present premises, owing to certain disagreements between him and his land lord, was desirous of constructing his own Talkie House in the Royal City and fortunately he was able to secure a plot of land within a few yards from his previous picture house in the same road The site has got its own attractions Before investing huge capital over the building to be built for purpose of running a Cinema, he had to study the local conditions and the attitude of the neighbourers, as he could not think it a business proposition, if there is no local support and sympathy Nor could he get the required license for constructing a "Talkie House" from the Municipal authorities, if they feel that such a public house in such a place would strain the relationships of the several communities living in the surroundings In an attempt to study and gather the public opinion in this regard, he desired the Church goers to say whether they have any objection for raising a Cinema in the place noted above, as there is a Church in the same road, but situated at a distance and enclosed on all sides with a compound A few devotees of this Church thought that there will be no trouble from the Cinema in the present place to the Church goers and also there would be no obstacle to the conduct of prayer meetings in the Church So, they had no objection for the construction of a "Talkie" in the place, where a building is now being constructed and they had reduced their opinion into writing which was brought to me for my opinion, as I am also a devotee of that Church

This is exactly the situation, when I was called upon to express my views in the matter I, as a Citizen of Mysore, a Social Worker and a devotee of the Church, had to give my opinion After careful study of the local situation and considerable thought, I expressed my opinion in favour of the Cinema House It was more than a year ago that I did this and I thought that the matter was ended there To my surprise, what I find is that, while the foundations are being laid for the building, some tumult is being heard from the Church A sort of prejudice is being rared against me by foreign Missioneries, whose sole aim is the exploitation of unsophisticated and credelous mass of Indian Christains Although the matter involved is more of secular nature and has not even a tinge of religion about it and what I expressed is only my personal views, it is rather strange that the same has been taken as a subject for a Church Meeting, where such controversies are expressely prohibited by our Lord!

I hear some serious allegations of personal nature have been made against me in the quarterly Meeting held on 20-6-47 in the Wesley Guild Hall The charges against me, though cannot stand the challenge are such, that they are born of sinister motives If my accusers feel that they have a case against me, let them please leave the Church pulpit, which is meant for a

sacred purpose, and come to a public platform and establish their charges against me Then all praise to them What purpose will it serve, if they stir the credulous mind against a consumated rock of wisdom ? So far as I am sincere, I bewilder not for a wild sermon of the burning fire All the same, I owe an explanation to my brother Cristians When I consented for the Cinema house building near our Churh, I had in my mind the sacred Church and the devoted Church goers The Church building, situated as it is, at a considerable distance, is enclosed with a compound on all sides and the services held in the Cherch will, in no way be affected by the voice emanating from the Talkie Nor will there be any contact between the Church goers and cinema visitors The sanctity and serenity of the Church-to safeguard which, I am prepared to lay down my life—are not meddled with I would never tolerate the least disterbance to the Church from any quarter much less from the neighbourers Even now, I hold that the service in the Church should continue without the least disturbance from outside Let every Christian brother understand that, I, a servant of humanity, would never give my consent, if I feel that my act will affect prejudicially to any community, as I consider that such an act is sinful Therefore I repeat again that, when I lent my support for Cinema House in the Thamboo Chetty road , I acted on the simple policy of " Live and Let live " Is it sacriligious ? When there is no objection for the existence of a Talkie within a few yards away, there should be no objection, too, for the proposed Talkie also What is the idea of bringing my action before a religious gathering and condemning before it ? The answer is not far to seek The incessant efforts of mine for the last several years in exposing the hollowness of the foreign Missionery activities in our sacred Mother land are yielding fruits, as the Indian Christian mass, who are held in bondage from cradle to the grave, are opening their eyes and are trying to liberate themselves from the voluntary servitude, into which they were led under the cloak of gospel and God My sincere efforts to be a good Christian and make others also to be true followers of Lord Christ, are being mis interpreted to the blind followers in a distorted manner thus creating dissensions among ourselves, so that their grip on us may be firmly established When they could not face the situation openly and squarely, meeting facts with facts, they have commenced this game of vilification of sincere followers of Sacred Gospel to gain their own ends Devil also quotes Bible !

Now that the Municipal authorities have granted permit for the construction of the building and the work is going on in full swing shows that the concerned authorities have taken into consideration all factors involved in this matter before they issued the license, as they are also responsible for maintaining the rights of the citizens None of us who had no objection for the Cinema in the place in question have no voice in the Municipal administra tion, and the case will have been decided on its merits The Church authorities had the fullest opportunity to express their views in the matter, just as we did, and they would have prevented the same, by their timely action Having kept quite for more then twelve months and when the construction is going on, they are raising their noices Are their grievences genuine ? Is not a similar cinema

house situated in the immediate vicinity of a place of worship in this City ? Is not the New Opera Talkies obstructing the prayers held in the mosque, although it is next to its compound ? Near the very next door of this Church there is another Talkie and none is grumbling All these go to show that the Church authorities have some thing else in their minds, when they have taken such an hostile attitude not only against me and my sympathisers but also against the Proprietor of the New Cinema House It is even possible to presume that the rivalry between the Cinema owners may have a hand in such a nuisance to the public life in the City

Lastly, coming to the point for which this pamplet is brought out, Rev F Hill, in a recent Quarterly Meeting held in the Wesly Guild Hall is stated to have said that " The Government have taken into consideration the opinions expressed by men, who have never visited the Church for the last fifteen years, whose words have no value and who have no weight in this Church ' and " those that gave their opinions in favour of the Cinema, have done so, in consideration of some sort of gratification " I would have ignored all these as Phantasy, had I not heard the same from a person, whose integrity is beyond doubt Now, I take up the challenge and throw a counter challenge openly to the Reverend to meet me with his replies to the following —

1 Although I am visiting the Church rarely for reasons wellknown to the Reverend , I admit for argument's sake that I have not visited the Church all these years What action has he taken to ascertain as to why I am not visiting the Church ? Did not the Good Shephered went after the lost sheep to find it and console it ?

2 Merely because I am not visiting the Church—as the Church administration is found to be unchristian, I desisted from regular visits until it changed itself to the Christian way of thought and deeds—have I forfeited my right to speak on behalf of the Church ?

3 Is it not irreligion to say that a person of my position and way of thinking has no weight in what I have said ? Perhaps, my weight may not compare favourably with the weight of the Reverend, as I have not developed muscular body as I have taken particular interest in developing the spiritual Body, which is sure to outweigh that of the Reverend Did not weighty words come out from the bony body of our Lord to carry it to the four corners of the World but never to spoil before the pigs ?

4 Simple expression of views are regarded as the actions of Judas Whom have we betrayed ? Is it the Church ? Is it the Gospel ? or have we betrayed ourselves ? Can we not express our honest opinion ? We are prepared to go to the gallows, following the precept of our Lord but on one condition and that is, the judgement should be from an impartial Tribunal and never do we submit to the judjments of Pilats (Like Rev F Hill and his following)

5 What we expressed regarding the Cinema house is purely a matter relating to secular interest and has nothing to do with the religion or that Church This matter has been taken up as religious topic and much poison has been poured into the minds of the innocent mass of Christian hearers and that behind our back For what purpose ? Are we unapproachables ? Why did he not send for us to speak before the gathering ? Why did he speak ill of us, without obtaining an explanation from us ? is the Reverend still prepared to defend himself before the alter of Truth ? is it the weight of the man or his wisdom that is to be considered ? It is futile to incite an innocent mass against sincere Truth—seekers as the mass are sure to change hands after a lapse of time

To conclude let me issue a word of caution to these foreign Missioneries in mutual interest) In the name of Religion, Holy Father and Christ, I would appeal to you to keep off your hands from the field of religion—even as the Britishers are keeping away from this sacred land Our Lord Jesus Christ—ordained you to carry his words to the four corners of the World to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, but what are you doing ? Are you propagating the sacred Gospel or are you intensifying slavery among the people of this land ? Are we to be dumb—Driven cattle led by the nose by the hirelings of foreign missions or have we a right of approach to our Lord in the way we think best ? Years of your preaching and teachings have not produced one good Francis of Assisi in this Land of our fore fathers, while we see hundreds of " Piod pipers of Hemlin ' in every street, singing his masters voice but in a distorted tune At a time, when our land is being liberated politically, let my brothers Christians be freed from the bondage of foreign element in religious field also Let the Church and Church goesrs be freed from the iron rings of the Imperialist Policy of Divide & Rule and let them be delivered from the evil influence which is keeping them in the lowest rung of the ladder of progress Let not the Rev F Hill, use this opportunity to gain his own ends, for he is sure to return empty handed at the end of the journey, as either my friends or myself had no personal or communal interest in the Cinema house and what we did is only an expression of our views, automatically given in the usual coures of events Let this controversy be an eye opener to all my brother Christians, as dissensions amongst us is the main stay of these Foreigners

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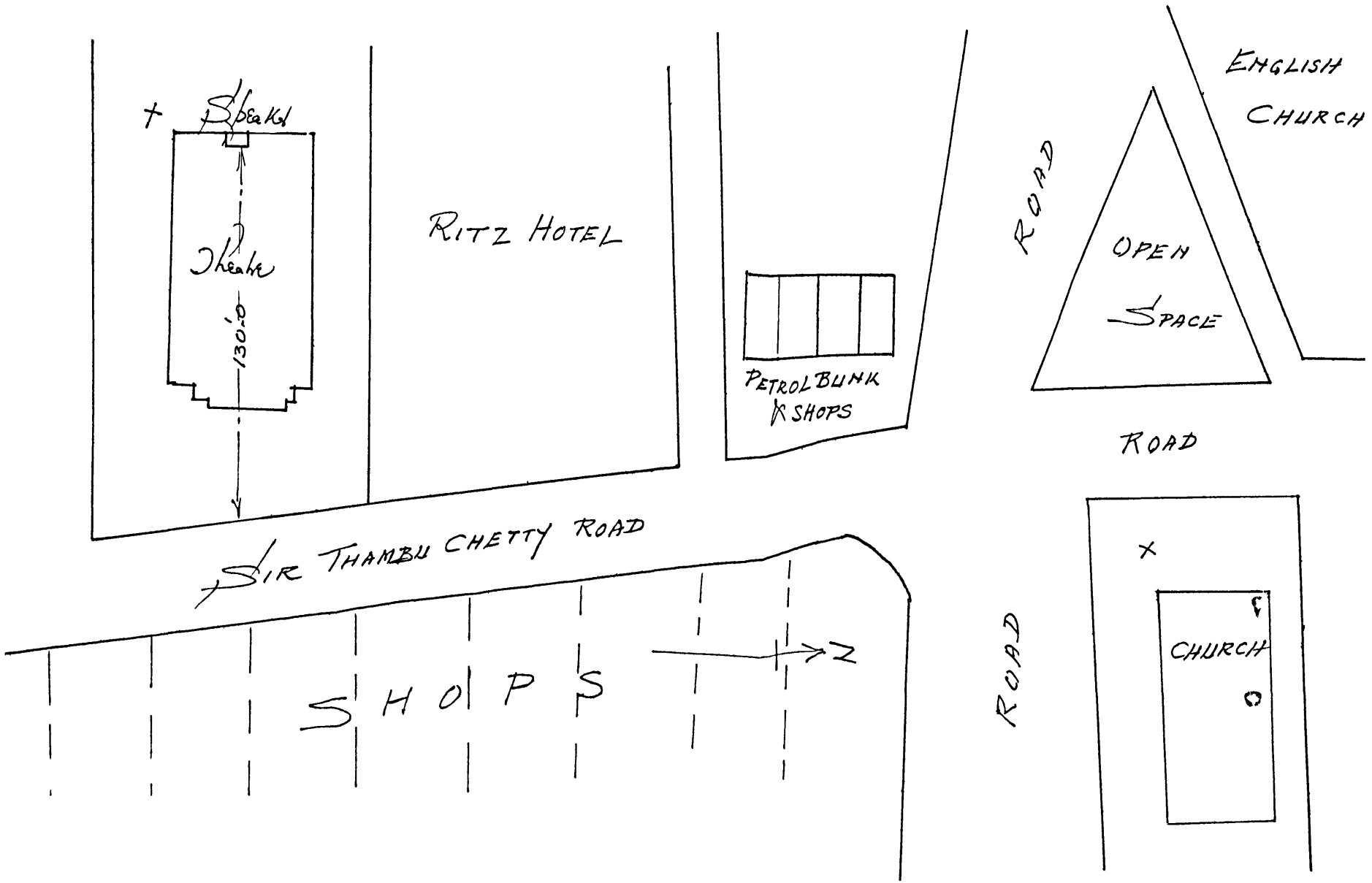
Site plan showing Cinema Theatre on Sir Thambu Chetty Road, belongs to Dr. Patel
Select Picture Circuit Bangalore City



Mysore

7th July 1947

TO

Dewan Bahadur Dr.T C.Royan, M.D.,(Vienna)
Minister for Education, Public Health and
Local Self Government in Mysore, Bangalore
(Camp) Mysore

From

J Swami Das,
Journalist & Social Worker,
No 383, Hundred Feet Road,
Chamaraj Mohalla, Mysore city

Respected Sir,

Herewith, I have enclosed an advance copy of our representation for your kind perusal and for discussion on these matter, in case you wish to see in person, I have also requested you an interview for the same.

I remain,
Sir,
Yours faithfully

J Swami Das

In fact the distance between the Cinema screen and the Church Altar will be more than 300 feet; (f) The services in the Church can never be disturbed by the sound of the Talkie or the shouts of the people in the Cinema Theatre, especially so as the latest and special sound allaying contrivances are being adopted by the proprietors of the Cinema taking the help of the expert Architect of the Government of Mysore; (g) Similar Cinema houses in the City situated in the neighbourhood of places of religious institutions have been allowed to continue and have been even newly constructed viz., (1) Opera House is in in the vicinity of a Mosque (2) The Rajkamal Talkies has two temples near it (3) A new cinema is being built near a Mosque at 100 Feet Road (4) At Hassan a Church belonging to the same Mission is situated next to a Cinema House.

4) Now we learn that some Church people led by Rev. F. Hill have taken up a hostile attitude in this affair after a lapse of 12 months and more and that they have sent a representation to your goodself praying for the revoking of the license granted for the construction of the Cinema Theatre in the place noted above. We also learn that they have stated that the authorities who issued the license based their decision on the opinion of the people who are not interested in the Church or its worship. We would, therefore, like to bring to your kind consideration that the above is a deliberate misrepresentation and on the other hand we have given our views in favour of the construction of the Cinema Theatre as Christians and because it will not act as an impediment to the exercise of our right of worship in the Church in question. We are determined to maintain that position even now, and we are in a position to assert that the agitation of Rev. F. Hill and his followers

followers against the construction of Cinema is purely out of prejudice and full of malice at the instance of some person behind the screen.

We would, therefore, earnestly appeal to your goodself kindly to give us an opportunity to place before you our considered views in the matter and the evidence in support of them as we have an inherent right to speak on behalf of the above Church, in case an investigation is instituted we would also pray that your goodself may kindly obtain the grievances or objections of the above party and Rev.F. Hill in writing before proceeding in the matter as it is a very important one, affecting not only the rights of the Christians but also those of the citizens in general of the city and prestige of the Government.

Thanking you,

Dated 7-7-1947

We beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Yours most obediently,

J Swamidas

On behalf of the
Representatives

Mysore,

7th July 1947.

To

Dewan Bahadur Dr.T.C.Royan, M.D. (Vienna)
Minister for Education, Public Health and
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CAMP: MYSORE.

From

J. Swami Das,
Journalist & Social Worker,
No.383, Hundred Feet Road,
Chamaraj Mohalla, Mysore City.

Honoured Sir,

Myself and 4 others desire to interview you for a few minutes between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. tomorrow the 8th July 1947 in connection with the objection raised by Rev. F. Hill and his party against the construction of the Cinema Theatre along the Sir Thumboo Chetty Road, Mysore.

I, therefore, request you kindly to give us an engagement of interview for the same and oblige.

We will not take more than 15 minutes to place the matter before you personally.

Thanking you,

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J Swamidas

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Immediate 21/7/47

To

The President
City Municipal Council
Mysore

Subject - Construction of a cinema theatre at Sy Thumboo Chetty Road - Mysore city - by Mr M Patel

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with this office letter No L 17764 dated 30-6-1947 & your subsequent letter no pc 23 dated 6 7 47 on the subject, I am directed to state that the place was inspected by the Minister for Education and public health on 10-7-47 - with the president, Mysore city M C, the Dist Magistrate Mysore and the joint Architect, Reverend Mr Stell, Chaplain of the Methodist community in Mysore, Mr Ebenezer, a few Christians and Mr Patel, the owner of the proposed cinema and other inhabitants of the neighbourhood were

also present

After examining the place thoroughly it was found that none of the objections raised against the grant of a license for the construction of a Cinema house in the locality were tenable

You are therefore, pleased to recall the Stay order issued in this Office letter No 2 / 17764 dated 30-6-47, Subject, however, to the imposition of the following conditions in the license for the construction of the said Cinema building. —

1) No outside loud speakers to be fitted anywhere
2) No music or drumming to be permitted in the Theatre compound nor in its surroundings
3) The inside surface of doors and ventilators and shutters to be covered with celotex or any other approved sound proof material
4) No Cinema Shows to be held during the hours of Service of the neighbouring Wesleyan (Methodist) Church, that is, from 8 to 9 A M and from

6 to 7 30 p m on Sundays

5) All cars and cycles (also bullocks, jutkas, carts and other vehicles) to be parked inside the compound behind the cinema

(Arrangements to be made for the convenient parking of cars and cycles)

6) The front entrance of the theatre to be reserved for first and second class ticket holders only, holders of cheap tickets to enter the cinema from the side lane (away from the Church), the necessary number of ticket booths to be provided at the sides and in the rear

7) Six well ventilated flush latrines for men and four for women to be provided in the compound of the theatre over and above the number prescribed in the Mysore Cinematograph Rules of 1946

I have the

Memo No 1289-91 dt 21 7 47 from Revenue Secy 21/7/47

" Copy sent to the District Magistrate - Mysore

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

No L. 1288/ML 110-46-22 General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore, 21st July *1947*

FROM

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Revenue Department.

To

The President,
City Municipal Council,
Mysore.

SIR,

Subject:- Construction of a cinema theatre at Sir Thumboo Chetty Road, Mysore City - by Mr.A.M.Patel.

With reference to the correspondence ending with this office letter No.17764 dated 30th June 1947 and your subsequent letter No.PC 23 dated 6th July 1947 on the above subject, I am directed to state that the place was inspected by the Minister for Education and Public Health on 10th July 1947 with the President, Mysore City Municipal Council, the District Magistrate, Mysore and the Government Architect. Reverend Mr.Hill, Chaplain of the Methodist Community in Mysore, Mr.Bonsor, a few Christians and Mr.Patel, the owner of the proposed cinema and other inhabitants of the neighbourhood were also present.

After examining the place thoroughly, it was found that none of the objections raised against the grant of a license for the construction of a cinema house in the locality were tenable.

Government are therefore pleased to vacate the stay order issued in this office letter No.L.17764 dated 30th June 1947 subject, however to the imposition of the following conditions in the license for the construction of the said cinema building:-

1) No outside loud speakers to be fitted anywhere
2) No music or drumming to be permitted in the theatre compound nor in its surroundings.
3) The inside surface of doors and ventilators and shutters to be covered with celotex or any other approved sound proof material.
4) No cinema shows to be held during the hours of service of the neighbouring Wesleyan (Methodist) Church, that is from 8 to 9 A.M. and from 6 to 7-30 P.M. on Sundays.
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7 (P.T.O)